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- Federally funded, key agencies now also subject to 32-hour workweek
- Only select DPS, DOC, EMO personnel exempted
- Memo says only Fitial can rescind exemptions

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial removed federally funded agencies and other key offices from the list of those exempted from the 32-hour workweek—a policy that is drawing concern from agencies whose certain personnel used to be exempt from the austerity measures because of the nature of their function.

The governor, in an Oct. 13 memo to Executive Branch department and activity heads, exempted from the austerity measure certain personnel only from three agencies: Department of Public Safety, Department of Corrections, and Emergency Management Office.

Those specifically exempt are DPS police officers, dispatchers, and firefighters; DOC corrections officers; and EMO communications operators.

He said he's exempting only these critical services "to ensure the objectives of the austerity measures are met to the fullest extent possible."

Fitial, who is expected to return early today from Beijing, China, also said in his memo that he's the only one who can amend or rescind the policy.

The governor's Oct. 13 memo superseded his Oct. 6 memo that included seven federally funded agencies on the

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Northern Marianas College students looking for part-time jobs fill out application forms at a jobs expo that drew nearly 900 eligible U.S. workers at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe from 8:30am to 2pm. The CNMI Department of Commerce, in cooperation with the CNMI Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of the Interior, brought together in one place private sector employers and job candidates.

Almost 900 job seekers in 1-day expo draws mixed feelings about economy

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Having nearly 900 prospective job applicants show up in yesterday's job expo points to its success, but it was also a somber reminder of a shrinking economy where unemployment is high among eligible U.S. workers.

"It's a mixed thing. I'm happy that they're here to apply for jobs. But I'm also quite disturbed that they're here because they didn't have a job," acting governor Eloy S. Inos told *Saipan Tribune* at the Department of Commerce's job expo held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Ivan Blanco, director of Commerce's Central Statistics Division, echoed Inos' assessment.

"We were not expecting this many people because this morning, there were only 100 people who registered online. That's a big difference from the hundreds we now see here. We're happy with the turnout but at the same time, we see that there's this many people who are looking for jobs," he said.

Acting Commerce secretary Sixto Igisomar and Commerce's David Maratita said there were 822 who signed up for the job expo, but there were also others who did not sign up but turned up to find employment.

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Pulled from drain pipe, Gadhafi was shown no mercy

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SIRTE, Libya (AP)—Dragged from hiding in a drainage pipe, a wounded Moammar Gadhafi raised his hands and begged revolutionary fighters: "Don't kill me, my sons." Within an hour, he was dead, but not before jubilant Libyans had vented decades of hatred by pulling the eccentric dictator's hair and parading his bloodied body on the hood of a truck.

The death Thursday of Gadhafi, two months after he was driven from power and into hiding, decisively buries the nearly 42-year regime that had turned the oil-rich country into an international pariah and his own personal fiefdom.

It also thrusts Libya into a new age in which its transitional leaders must overcome deep divisions and rebuild nearly all its institutions from scratch to achieve dreams of democracy. "We have been waiting for this historic moment for a long time. Moammar Gadhafi has been killed," Prime Minister Mahmoud Jibril said in the

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Interior weighs in on Fitial's offer to lease islands

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U.S. Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Tony M. Babauta and Office of Insular Affairs director Nik Pula separately said yesterday that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's reported remarks at a Beijing economic forum offering for lease some CNMI islands is something that they would look into.

Interior has oversight over U.S. insular areas including the CNMI, Guam, and American Samoa.

"I'm not going to say I support it or I don't support it. We'll have to look into this and see if that's something within the confines of laws," Pula said in an interview at the CNMI Department of Commerce's job expo yesterday morning.

Pula said he does not know of the content or context of Fitial's statements, but acknowledged that it's something the Interior will look at, considering that the CNMI is a U.S. territory.

Just like Pula, Babauta said he could not critique what the governor said at the Beijing conference.

"I'm sure there's a lot of legal work that would have to go into something like that," he told reporters. "We'll certainly look into it and see what authorities kind of underlie that sort of comment, if that's something that's even possible. I'm sure we want to talk to the governor about it. I'm not going to critique whatever he said wherever he was at without knowing more about it."

Babauta said the Interior's focus is to try to help turn around the CNMI economy.

Fitial told an economic forum of nearly 400 in Beijing that he is willing to lease some of the CNMI's Northern Islands but only if it's not for military purposes, to help provide job opportunities and improve the CNMI economy.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said Fitial was making reference to the availability of mass public lands in the undeveloped and uninhabited Northern Islands, in remarks made during the U.S.-China Governors Dialogue that included government and business representatives to discuss potential investment and job creation opportunities.

Demapan, who is with the governor in Beijing, said that Fitial took the opportunity to market the CNMI's greatest resource—availability of land—"for large-scale investments like agriculture, retirement communities, timeshare homes, and electronics manufacturing to both large business entities and/or public-private partnerships or co-ops."

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that the administration is trying to look for ways to be able to employ people and get the economy back on track.

He said leasing an island is almost similar to leasing public and private lands on Saipan, Tinian, or Rota.

"It's not a wild idea. It is something that will require due diligence at a much higher level than the normal commercial transaction," he said.

Mayor sues two banks for allegedly refusing to return his $200K TCD

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Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores is suing First Hawaiian Bank and Union Bank of California for allegedly refusing to return the principal and interest earned on a $200,000 Time Certificate of Deposit that he purchased from the then Union Bank Saipan branch in 1993.

Flores, through counsel Juan T. Lizama, is suing the banks in Superior Court for breach of contract, unjust enrichment, negligence or gross negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, and fraud. He is demanding unspecified damages, attorney's fees and court costs.

First Hawaiian Bank, through counsels Richard L. Johnson and Thomas E. Clifford, filed yesterday a notice in the U.S. District Court for the NMI to remove the lawsuit from the Superior Court to the District Court.

Johnson also disclosed that attorney Lisa Rockwell, vice president and senior counsel at Union Bank of California, had advised him that Union agrees to the transfer of the lawsuit to the District Court.

Lizama stated in the complaint that Flores bought the TCD from the Saipan branch of Union Bank on Sept. 10, 1993.

Lizama said the only evidence that Flores paid for the TCD that Union Bank provided is the TCD itself. Union Bank, Lizama said, did not issue any other proof in writing to Flores for the transaction.

Lizama said that on Nov. 15, 2001, Union Bank sold all assets and liabilities of its Saipan branch office to First Hawaiian Bank and that Union Bank did not inform Flores about the status of his TCD account.

When Flores attempted to discern the status of his TCD account and to demand payment for the TCD principal and interest, Lizama said that Union Bank claimed that it has no information to offer Flores "because the CD closed over 10 years ago."

Flores then sent a letter to First Hawaiian Bank to ask what records that the bank may have had regarding the account. First Hawaiian Bank allegedly responded that, according to its records, it had not purchased the TCD account from Union Bank.

Lizama alleged that the banks breached the agreement by refusing to pay Flores the $200,000 principal amount due plus interest under the CD upon presentation of the demand for such payment, and by disclaiming knowledge or record of the CD.

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PSS studying impact of expiration of umbrella permits

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The Public School System is studying the impact of the expiration of umbrella permits on its staffing and student population to help it prepare for any negative effect it may have on the system.

During a recent Board of Education meeting, PSS officials disclosed that about 47 PSS personnel may be affected by the full implementation of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act, which federalized CNMI immigration, on Nov. 28, 2011. Foreign nationals who are out of status after Nov. 28 may face deportation pursuant to the mandate of the new immigration policy on foreign workers.

PSS employs over 1,000 personnel, of which about 300 are federally funded. A total of 464 are classroom teachers on three islands.

Education officials disclosed that the 47 personnel who would be affected by the expiration of umbrella permits are those with immediate relative status and majority of them are support staff. The matter was further discussed during the board's executive session.

PSS legal counsels Kelly Butcher and George Hasselbach said at the meeting that, like other government agencies and private organizations, the school system also attended the public education campaign of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

System officials could not say at this time if the expiration of umbrella permits would have a negative effect on the enrollment this school year.

Garapan Elementary School principal Paulette Sablan earlier said that the school may experience a reduction in its enrollment following conversation with some parents that they may be forced to leave the island with their children after Nov. 28. These are parents who lost their jobs and have not succeeded in finding new ones.

During the meeting, Board of Education chair Marylou Ada inquired about the potential number of students who may leave the system because of the expiration of umbrella permits.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan said that figures have yet been determined as the matter is still being studied.

Garapan, San Antonio schools celebrate cultural diversity

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Hundreds of students from Garapan and San Antonio elementary schools ended their celebration of Cultural Heritage Week yesterday with grand festivities that attracted large crowds to their respective campuses.

As early as 8am, students of both schools were seen enjoying the various presentations and demonstrations—all highlighting several nations' culture and traditions.

At Garapan Elementary School, spectators gathered at the school grounds to witness song and dance presentations of each grade class.

Kindergarten pupils wowed the audience with a demonstration on Asian culture while first graders gave a rendition of the Palauan culture. The Federated States of Micronesia's heritage was presented by the second grade class, while third graders proudly showed the Chamorro heritage. Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders showcased Filipino, South Pacific, and Carolinian cultures.

The school has been celebrating Cultural Week since Monday, Oct. 17, as part of the wider observance of Cultural Heritage Month in October.

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The beads-making booth was among the crowd drawers in yesterday's Cultural Day celebration at Garapan Elementary School where students learned the process of making traditional beads and other cultural accessories.

The celebration kicked off with the Traditional Headgear/Hat Day, when students came to school sporting headpieces that showcase their culture such as mwar, straw hat, coconut hat, and others. Tuesday was designated as GES Cultural Attire Day while Wednesday was Ornaments/Accessories Day. On Thursday, students brought to class items that represent their culture for "show and tell."

Sixth-grader Samantha Ciara Tengco told *Saipan Tribune* that she is always excited about Culture Week as helps her and her classmates better understand and appreciate other cultures and traditions.

"I love making beads so every year, I always make it a point to visit this booth [bead-making booth]. Colorful costumes and dances were amazing too," she said.

Fourth-grader Karl Codog, who was seen visiting the arts and crafts booth, said the weeklong celebration always teaches her additional knowledge and skills. She, too, loves making beads and mwars and is always amazed by the traditional arts and crafts.

This year's Cultural Day theme at GES—"A rainbow full of different colors that shine as one"—was won by first graders during the theme-writing competition held early this month.

According to school counselor Derwin Johnson, GES' annual cultural celebration promotes respect, appreciation, and understanding of the diverse culture of the school.

At San Antonio Elementary School, the occasion was highlighted by the special performance of guest artist Parker Yobei. Since Monday, students have been participating in the weeklong occasion through "Greet Day," "Show and Tell Day," "Mwar Mwar Day," "Flower Day," and "Traditional Dress Day."

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capital of Tripoli. "I would like to call on Libyans to put aside the grudges and only say one word, which is Libya, Libya, Libya."

President Barack Obama told the Libyan people: "You have won your revolution."

Although the U.S. briefly led the relentless NATO bombing campaign that sealed Gadhafi's fate, Washington later took a secondary role to its allies. Britain and France said they hoped that his death would lead to a more democratic Libya.

Other leaders have fallen in the Arab Spring uprisings, but the 69-year-old Gadhafi is the first to be killed. He was shot to death in his hometown of Sirte, where revolutionary fighters overwhelmed the last of his loyalist supporters Thursday after weeks of heavy battles.

Also killed in the city was one of his feared sons, Muatassim, while another son—one-time heir apparent Seif al-Islam—was wounded and captured. An AP reporter saw cigarette burns on Muatassim's body.

Bloody images of Gadhafi's last moments raised questions over how exactly he died after he was captured wounded, but alive. Video on Arab television stations showed a crowd of fighters shoving and pulling the goateed, balding Gadhafi, with blood splattered on his face and soaking his shirt.

Gadhafi struggled against them, stumbling and shouting as the fighters pushed him onto the hood of a pickup truck. One fighter held him down, pressing on his thigh with a pair of shoes in a show of contempt.

Fighters propped him on the hood as they drove for several moments, apparently to parade him around in victory.

"We want him alive. We want him alive," one man shouted before Gadhafi was dragged off the hood, some fighters pulling his hair, toward an ambulance.

Later footage showed fighters rolling Gadhafi's lifeless body over on the pavement, stripped to the waist and a pool of blood under his head. His body was then paraded on a car through Misrata, a nearby city that suffered a brutal siege by regime forces during the eight-month civil war that eventually ousted Gadhafi. Crowds in the streets cheered, "The blood of martyrs will not go in vain."

Thunderous celebratory gunfire and cries of "God is great" rang out across Tripoli well past midnight, leaving the smell of sulfur in the air. People wrapped revolutionary flags around toddlers and flashed V for victory signs as they leaned out car windows. Martyrs' Square, the former Green Square from which Gadhafi made many defiant speeches, was packed with revelers.

In Sirte, the ecstatic former rebels celebrated the city's fall after weeks of fighting by firing endless rounds into the sky, pumping their guns, knives and even a meat cleaver in the air and singing the national anthem.

The outpouring of joy reflected the deep hatred of a leader who had brutally warped Libya with his idiosyncratic rule. After seizing power in a 1969 coup that toppled the monarchy, Gadhafi created a "revolutionary" system of "rule by the masses," which supposedly meant every citizen participated in government but really meant all power was in his hands. He wielded it erratically, imposing random rules while crushing opponents, often hanging anyone who plotted against him in public squares.

Abroad, Gadhafi posed as a Third World leader, while funding militants, terror groups and guerrilla armies. His regime was blamed in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland and the downing of a French passenger jet in Africa the following year, as well as the 1986 bombing of a German discotheque frequented by U.S. servicemen that killed three people.

The day began with revolutionary forces bearing down on the last of Gadhafi's heavily armed loyalists who in recent days had been squeezed into a block of buildings of about 700 square yards.

A large convoy of vehicles moved out of the buildings, and revolutionary forces moved to intercept it, said Fathi Bashagha, spokesman for the Misrata Military Council, which commanded the fighters who captured him. At 8:30 a.m., NATO warplanes struck the convoy, a hit that stopped it from escaping, according to French Defense Minister Gerard Longuet.

Fighters then clashed with loyalists in the convoy for three hours, with rocket-propelled grenades, anti-aircraft weapons and machine guns. Members of the convoy got out of the vehicles, Bashagha said.

Gadhafi and other supporters fled on foot, with fighters in pursuit, he said. A Gadhafi bodyguard captured as they ran away gave a similar account to Arab TV stations. Gadhafi and several bodyguards took refuge in a drainage pipe under a highway nearby. After clashes ensued, Gadhafi emerged, telling the fighters outside, "What do you want? Don't kill me, my sons," according to Bashagha and Hassan Doua, a fighter who was among those who captured him.

Bashagha said Gadhafi died in the ambulance from wounds suffered during the clashes. Abdel-Jalil Abdel-Aziz, a doctor who accompanied the body in the ambulance during the 120-mile drive to Misrata, said Gadhafi died from two bullet wounds—to the head and chest.

A government account of Gadhafi's death said he was captured unharmed and later was mortally wounded in the crossfire from both sides.

Amnesty International urged the revolutionary fighters to give a complete report, saying it was essential to conduct "a full, independent and impartial inquiry to establish the circumstances of Col. Gadhafi's death."

The TV images of Gadhafi's bloodied body sent ripples across the Arab world and on social networks such as Twitter.

Many wondered whether a similar fate awaits Syria's Bashar Assad and Yemen's Ali Abdullah Saleh, two leaders clinging to power in the face of long-running Arab Spring uprisings. For the millions of Arabs yearning for freedom, democracy and new leadership, the death of one of the region's most brutal dictators will likely inspire and invigorate the movement for change.

As word spread of Gadhafi's death, jubilant Libyans poured into Tripoli's central Martyr's Square, chanting "Syria! Syria!"—urging the Syrian opposition on to victory.

"This will signal the death of the idea that Arab leaders are invincible," said Egyptian activist and blogger Hossam Hamalawi. "Mubarak is in a cage, Ben Ali ran away, and now Gadhafi killed. ... All this will bring down the red line that we can't get these guys."

Thursday's final blows to the Gadhafi regime allow Libya's interim leadership, the National Transitional Council, to declare the entire country liberated.

It rules out a scenario some had feared—that Gadhafi might flee into Libya's southern deserts and lead a resistance campaign. Following the fall of Tripoli on Aug. 21, Gadhafi loyalists mounted fierce resistance in several areas, including Sirte, preventing the new leadership from declaring full victory. Earlier this week, revolutionary fighters gained control of one stronghold, Bani Walid.

Information Minister Mahmoud Shammam told AP that Muatassim Gadhafi was killed in Sirte. Abdel-Aziz, the doctor who accompanied Gadhafi's body in the ambulance, said Muatassim was shot in the chest. Also killed was Gadhafi's Defense Minister Abu Bakr Younis.

Justice Minister Mohammed al-Alagi said Seif al-Islam Gadhafi had been wounded in the leg and was being held in a hospital in the city of Zlitan, northwest of Sirte. Shammam said Seif was captured in Sirte, but the senior NTC leadership did not immediately confirm.

The National Council will declare liberation on Saturday, Mohamed Sayeh, a senior council member, said. That begins a key timetable toward creating a new system: The NTC has always said it will form a new interim government within a month of liberation and will hold elections within eight months.

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exemption list.

"This policy supersedes previous directives and shall remain in effect for the duration of the austerity period, unless otherwise amended or rescinded by me," he said in the Oct. 13 memo, a copy of which, along with the Oct. 6 memo, was obtained only yesterday.

Because government doctors and nurses now fall under the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., they are no longer under the Executive Branch and are not covered by the governor's list of those exempted from austerity measures.

Shortened list

In his Oct. 6 memo to payroll supervisor Eloida Macaranas and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, the governor listed seven federally funded agencies that are exempted from austerity measures: Division of Environmental Quality, Coastal Resources Management, CNMI Women, Infant and Children Program, Criminal Justice Planning Agency, Office of Homeland Security, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and Developmental Disabilities Council.

"This list will remain active unless otherwise amended," he said.

That amendment came seven days later with another memo on Oct. 13 that shortened the list of exemptions.

'We can't work like this'

Jesus Muña, director of the Division of Customs Service, said yesterday that Customs personnel are now no longer exempt from austerity measures, even as they are already short-staffed to begin with.

"We can't operate with 32 hours. We are already working with five personnel per shift when we're supposed to have seven per shift at the airport. We have three shifts to maintain 24 hours operation," Muna told *Saipan Tribune* when asked for comment.

Of the five personnel per shift at the airport, one is the supervisor, one is a cashier at the booth, one is at the ramp to meet the plane, and two are assigned to passenger clearance every time a plane lands.

Muña said he also has to move personnel from the seaport to the airport on Saturdays so that airport personnel can also have a day off.

During times when there are no arriving passenger planes, customs personnel also have to be assigned to cargo plane and then to the commuter flight from Guam.

"We're really short of personnel and now we have to cut work hours," he added.

Customs, along with other agencies with certain key functions, used to be exempt from austerity measures. Since Thursday, however, Customs personnel are now also subject to 32 hours per workweek.

Muña said he would like to talk to the governor about Customs request to exempt its airport and seaport personnel.

Other federally funded agencies could not be reached for comment yesterday, being an austerity Friday and their offices were closed.

The Department of Public Lands also used to be exempt. DPL secretary Oscar M. Babauta said yesterday that the department will be fine.

The four-day workweek is Monday to Thursday, 7:30am to 4:30pm. Executive Branch offices are closed every Friday now.

The CNMI government has been seeing almost an annual decrease in revenue since fiscal year 1998 because of a series of mainly external factors. The fiscal year 2012 budget is $102 million, almost back to the budget level of 1990. The CNMI has not been able to replace the garment industry with a new industry and has relied only on tourism to sustain its economy.

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"So I'd say there were almost 900 people who were at the job expo from 8:30am to 2pm," Igisomar said. "I'm very happy with the result, and I will be following up with businesses next week."

The CNMI Department of Labor will be holding a similar job fair on Nov. 2, Igisomar added.

Inos said the implementation of the federalization law, U.S. Public Law 110-229 brought with it many challenges and opportunities for eligible U.S. workers.

He thanked the U.S. Department of the Interior for its commitment and assistance to the CNMI, including a $1-million grant that will go a long way in creating jobs on the islands.

Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta spoke of the value of working together to help turn the CNMI economy around.

He invited to the podium Office of Insular Affairs director Nik Pula to drive home his point by demonstrating an American Samoa exercise that Pula said is called "mili pati po."

Inos and Babauta kicked off the jobs expo with a meet-and-greet session, and opening remarks.

In an interview later, Babauta said he's pleased with the turnout.

"It's good for businesses to be able to connect with people who are looking for jobs…to learn about different opportunities that are here," he said, adding that the jobs expo was made possible by CNMI Commerce, Labor, and the Interior, among other agencies.

While there were nearly 900 at the jobs expo, Igisomar said they believe there's thousands who are either unemployed or want to look for a second job or move to another job.

Blanco said there were 30 employers that participated at the jobs expo, including major companies such as Hyatt Regency Saipan, Saipan World Resort, Aqua Resort Club, Hafa Adai Beach Hotel, Docomo, Moylan's Insurance, Triple J Enterprises, Star Marianas Inc., MCV Broadband, and *Marianas Variety*.

They were each assigned a table where they could hand out application forms, answer inquiries about vacancies, and receive filled out application forms.

Juan I. Tenorio, personnel manager of Hafa Adai Beach Hotel, said he brought with him 300 application forms and all of them were taken by job applicants.

He said he got two filled-out forms back, but he expects majority of the filled-out forms to be dropped off at Hafa Adai Beach Hotel in the next few days.

"We have about 48 vacancies, including front desk clerk, supervisor, housekeepers and cleaners," he said.

Tenorio said he was expecting fewer people to show up, and was surprised that there's this many who want to be employed.

Garry N. Charley, 60, said he's been looking for a job since 2008 but hasn't had any luck finding one. He hopes that the jobs expo will be his lucky charm.

"I can fix small appliances, I can be an auto mechanic, and I can also fix marine engines," he said.

Many of those who showed up were young citizens, mostly NMC students.

Jacklyn Fejeran, 18, a freshman at Northern Marianas College, said she's looking for a part-time job, preferably at a hotel.

"I'm hoping I'll get a job soon," the liberal arts major said as she was filling out application forms, along with other NMC students.

Elvielynn Santos, 18, also a freshman at NMC, is also looking for a part-time job at hotels. She got six application forms and will get three more online.

There were also those who wanted to move to another employer, including Marites Aurelio,42, who currently works at a hotel.

"If I could find a better job, I would," she said, as she was filling out application forms.

John Blanco, consultant for Sablan Topline, a commercial cleaning company, said they brought 150 application forms and by 10:30am, they only had about 20 left.

He said they have about 20 job vacancies that they want to fill.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), chairman of the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism, said he's not surprised that hundreds showed up given the state of the economy. He said it's good that people are taking the initiative to come out and see what jobs are available out there.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) said it was a "good turnout."

Fitial drums up investment interests in China

BEIJING, China—Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and a delegation of five other state and territorial governors participated in the second U.S.-China Governors Forum held here on Wednesday.

Fitial joined Washington state Gov. Chris Gregoire, immediate past chair of the National Governors Association; Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal, Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo, Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie, and North Carolina Gov. Bev Perdue as the official delegates of the U.S. National Governors Association.

The nation's governors engaged in a lively discussion on the role of international trade and investment in their state's economic development strategy to foster economic growth and job creation during yesterday's special plenary session.

The dialogue format started off with one-on-one meetings between American and Chinese governors before they all proceeded to the main forum hall where some 400 U.S. and China-based government and business executives were in attendance to listen to the governors' presentations and discussions on investment, trade and job creation opportunities that may be of mutual benefits to their respective governments.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Gov. Wang Sanyun of Anhui Province shares a moment with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial at the conclusion of the U.S.-China Governors Dialogue held in Beijing. Wang, in his remarks, talked about his close friendship with Fitial and his plans to conduct a bilateral trade mission between Anhui and the CNMI.

In his one-on-one dialogues, Fitial pitched the CNMI as a prime destination for Chinese tourism, real estate development, agricultural, education, and technology investments to Anhui Gov. Wang Sanyun and Yunnan's acting governor Li Jiheng, who were accompanied by their key government officials and business representatives.

Wang, who previously met Fitial at the NGA meeting in Utah, stated that because of his genuine friendship with Fitial, he is committed to initiating a CNMI-Anhui partnership that will be tasked to establish a bilateral economic development plan to help revive the CNMI's ailing economy.

For his part, Yunnan's Li informed Fitial that he has been researching opportunities in the Northern Marianas and expressed that he plans to form a delegation that will visit the islands for an exploratory mission.

In a speech before the general assembly of the Governors Dialogue, Fitial touted the attractive tax advantages only found in the CNMI.

"Since we control our own tax policy, our tax rebates and/or abatements are offered to approved investments under the Qualifying Certificate Program administered by the Commonwealth Development Authority," said Fitial. "At 18 percent, the CNMI's corporate income tax rate is the lowest among all U.S. states and territories. Individual and corporate taxes are also rebated using a sliding scale."

Fitial also pitched the availability of reliable ocean shipping services and the added incentive of ships being exempt from the Federal "Jones Act," which allows foreign flag vessels to enter CNMI ports that are free of U.S. Customs duties.

To the delight of the participants, the governor also boasted about the CNMI being the only jurisdiction among the Pacific islands with an approved casino industry and said that, "These advantages give rise to the infusion of foreign investments, which in turn, creates more jobs for people, and, above all, spurs much needed economic recovery."

Fitial further added the subnational leaders can achieve more by actively reaching across international borders and engaging in top-level discussion like the U.S.-China Governors Dialogue. ***(Office of the Governor)***

'GET SMART ABOUT CREDIT' CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Joanne Aldan, Business Service Representative of Bank of Hawaii Saipan, speaks to 12th graders at Saipan Southern High School on Oct. 20, 2011, as part of the "Get Smart About Credit Day," an annual event where bankers visit local classrooms to share the "credit facts of life" with students. More than 35 Bank of Hawaii volunteers taught valuable lessons on personal finance to more than 1,000 high school and intermediate students in Guam, on Saipan, in Palau, and American Samoa.

NMC students to conduct opinion survey on Saipan casino issue

Students of Northern Marianas College instructor Sam McPhetres's Current Issues in the CNMI course are inviting CNMI voters to participate in a public opinion survey about the legalization of a casino industry in Saipan on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011.

The aim of the survey is to provide data on how many individuals support or oppose the legalization of a casino industry on the island. The results from the survey, however, will be non-binding. This means that these results will not affect any prospective law or policy regarding the issue. Although the results will be non-binding, it can assist the leaders of the CNMI in deciding whether to propose any law or policy regarding casinos.

San Antonio San Vicente Koblerville	Precinct 1A Precinct 1B Precinct 1C	NMC Campus (Bldg. D, Room 1)
Susupe Chalan Kanoa Oleai Garapan	Precinct 2 Precinct 2 Precinct 3A Precinct 3A	Multi-Purpose Center (Susupe)
Tanapag San Roque Capital Hill Northern Islands	Precinct 4A Precinct 4B Precinct 4C Precinct 4D	Legislature Lobby Area (Capital Hill)
Kagman	Precinct 5	Kagman Community Center

Those registered to vote in the CNMI will be eligible to participate in this survey.

Voters who are unable to take the survey on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, can take the survey earlier on Wednesday, Nov. 2, and Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, from 8am to 12pm at the NMC As Terlaje campus in Room D-1.

Those who wish to take the survey on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, (8am – 5pm) will take the survey at a designated location, which is assigned based on village of residence and voting precinct.

Survey participants are also asked to present a valid form of identification, such as a driver's license or passport. For inquiries or more information, contact Sam McPhetres at 234-5498 Ext.1204. ***(NMC)***

High Court issues ruling in *Estate of Ogumoro v. Ko*

The CNMI Supreme Court issued Wednesday a ruling in *Estate of Ogumoro v. Ko*, addressing various arguments raised by Han Yoon Ko and Jung Boo Jung concerning a 55-year lease on real property located at the intersection of Chalan Palé Arnold and Chalan Monsignor Guerrero in San Jose, Saipan.

The issues over the leased property began when Soledad T. Ogumoro leased her property to Suk Kon Jo and Jun Duk Soon Jo in 1994. The Jos obtained a mortgage from Han Yoon Ko, who later foreclosed on the mortgage in 1997. Ko then purchased the Jos' leasehold interest at a foreclosure sale, but neither Ko nor the Jos informed Ogumoro that Ko was the new lessee. In 1999, believing that the Jos were still the lessee, Ogumoro sought to terminate the lease. She sued the Jos in Superior Court, discovered that Ko was the actual lessee, and added him to the case. Ogumoro obtained a default judgment against Ko in 2001 terminating the leasehold for failure to pay rent.

Later in 2001, Ogumoro released her property to Jung Boo Jung. Jung improved the property, then subleased the property to several companies. In 2003, Ko learned about the default judgment terminating his leasehold interest. The trial court granted Ko's request to set aside the default judgment, which resulted in Ko, once again, having an interest in the property. Sometime later, Ko filed a quiet title action against Jung and Jung's sublessees, alleging that he was entitled to possession of the leased property.

In 2006 the trial court issued several orders finding that Ogumoro had properly terminated the lease between herself and Ko. The trial court based this conclusion on provisions in the original lease agreement between Ogumoro and the Jos, believing that these provisions were applicable to Ko. In 2007, the trial court further relied on these lease provisions to conclude that Ko was liable for attorney fees, unpaid rent, and lost rent.

On appeal, the Supreme Court reversed the trial court. The Supreme Court held that Ko was not liable to Ogumoro under the terms of the lease agreement signed by Ogumoro and Ko because Ko did not sign the agreement or otherwise agree to be bound by the lease terms. The Supreme Court also found that Ko was not liable for attorney fees or lost rents. Moreover, the Supreme Court determined that Ogumoro had not properly terminated Ko's interest in the leased property. Finally, the Supreme Court determined that the trial court should hold further proceedings to determine whether Ogumoro had properly terminated Ko's lease, and if not, to determine whether Ko's absence from the leased property and his subsequent failure to pay rent for several years amounted to legal abandonment of the lease.

The Supreme Court's full opinion is *Estate of Ogumoro v. Ko*, 2011 MP 11, and can be found at http://www.cnmilaw.org/supreme_11.htm. ***(PR)***

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Head Start Policy Council
Agenda

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a Regular and a Turn Over meeting on October 25, 2011, (Tuesday) from 5:30pm-7:30pm, Tanapag Head Start Resource Center, Saipan.

I. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Quorum
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Adoption of Minutes:
   a. August 29, 2011

II. Public Comments
III. Communications
1. From the State Board of Education
2. From the Office of Head Start

IV. Monthly Reports
1. Managers
2. Director
3. Human Resource Officer
4. Finance Director
5. Council Standing Committees
   a. Personnel
   b. Education
   c. Executive
   d. Finance
   e. Public Relations
6. Center Representatives

V. Old Business
VI. Council Turn Over
1. Appreciation to Outgoing Council Members for SY 10-11
2. Welcome and Introduction of New Council Members for SY 11-12
3. Election of Officers
   a. Chairperson
   b. Vice Chair
   c. Secretary
   d. Treasurer

VII. New Business
1. Recommendations for Community Members
2. Schedule of Meetings
3. Review of Council Standing Committees

VIII. Miscellaneous Matters
IX. Executive Session
X. Next Meeting
XI. Adjournment

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Ms. Candace Q. Celis at 664-3761; several days notice is required.

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EDITORIAL

US, allies now must aid in Libya recovery

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The death of Moammar Gadhafi is the culmination of the remarkable eight-month revolt against his 42-year rule. But it is also a reminder that a new Libya is taking shape, a process in which the United States and its allies must play a constructive role.

Libyans are exulting in the definitive removal of the preening dictator and congratulating themselves on overthrowing him against what once seemed to be overwhelming odds. Their pride is understandable. Gadhafi wasn't just an eccentric; he waged war on his own people and was a sponsor of terrorism. His overthrow was a blessing for the world as well as for Libya.

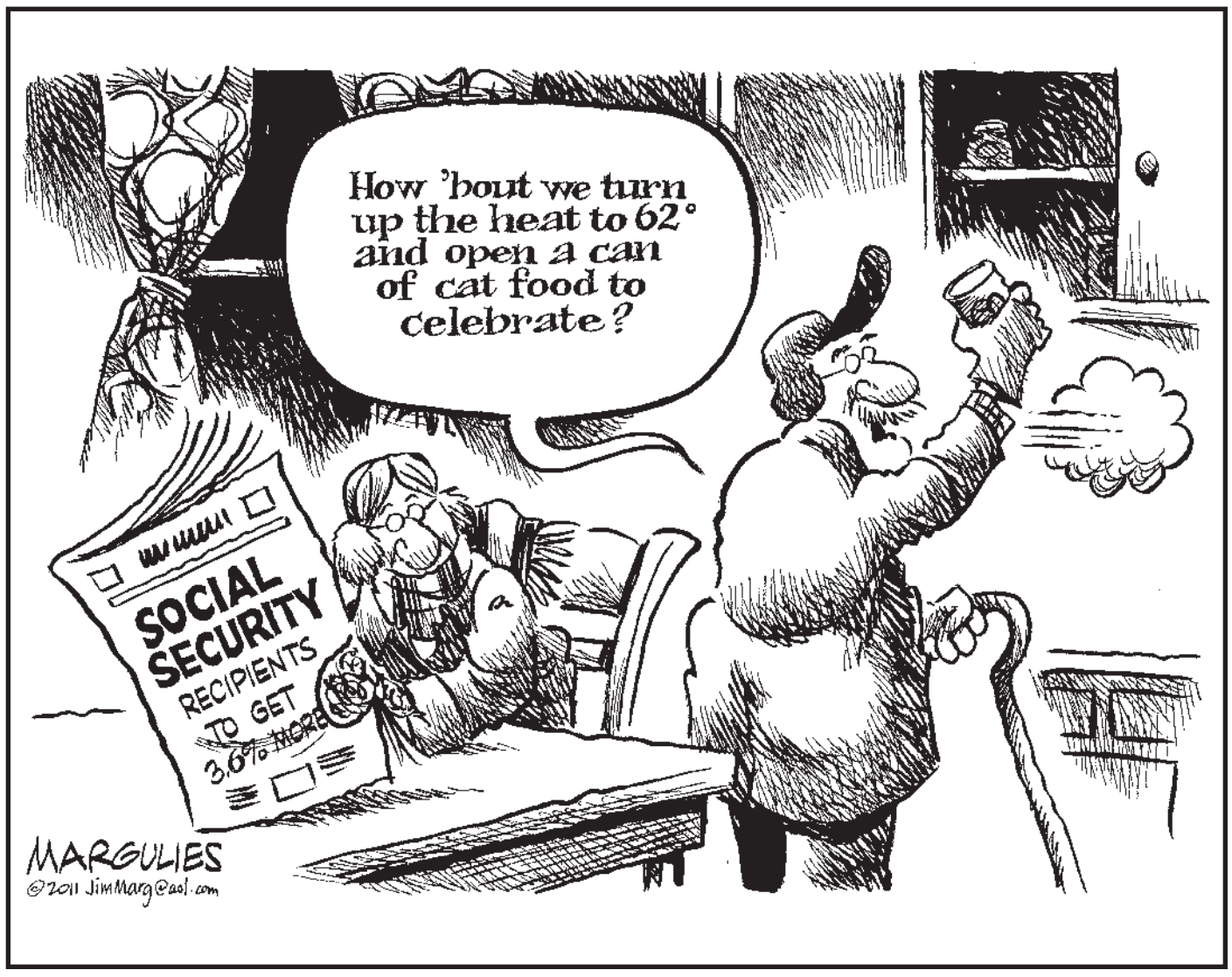
Of course, the rebels could not have succeeded without months of relentless NATO airstrikes. Charged by the United Nations with establishing a no-fly zone to protect civilians, NATO countries pounded Gadhafi's forces. In effect if not in name, NATO became the rebels' ally.

This page opposed the no-fly zone out of concern that it would lead to deeper U.S. military involvement in Libya, and because no one seemed able to explain why that country was more appropriate for intervention than many other nations ruled by autocrats. We continue to believe, especially in the aftermath of the troubled interventions in Iraq and Afghanistan, that it is essential for the president to carefully and honestly explain to the American people why and to what end the United States is using military force overseas. But it's impossible to quarrel with the major consequence of the Libyan operation: the end of the Gadhafi regime.

The rebels have a long way to go before they can rest. Among the many challenges now facing Libya's transitional government is to prevent bloodshed between pro- and anti-Gadhafi Libyans, and even among the competing factions that fought to overthrow the strongman. Although the situations aren't identical, the strife in Iraq that followed the downfall of Saddam Hussein is an example of how the overthrow of a dictatorship can unleash latent enmities. If the new Libyan government is unable to quell such violence, outside peacekeepers may prove necessary.

A second and longer-term challenge is to establish a democratic and pluralistic society. On Thursday, President Obama said Libya faced a long and winding road to democracy. The United States and its allies can shorten that road by lending expertise to the designers of a new Libyan democracy. But both sides must be mindful that too close an association with Western powers could compromise a new Libyan government's image of independence. Economic aid poses less of a problem. If the United States, Britain and France share in the victory over Gadhafi, they also share in the responsibility to rebuild Libya.

The U.S. intervention in Libya isn't comparable to the commitments in Iran and Afghanistan. But our involvement there nevertheless created an obligation that survives Moammar Gadhafi.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Salaam Gaddafi Salaam

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Styling himself on various occasions as "a brother leader," "guide of the revolution," and "king of kings," the flamboyant Col. Moammar Gadhafi who took power in Libya since 1969 died Friday after he was gunned down by rebel forces identified with the National Transition Council that has decreed an end to his autocratic rule.

Accounts streaming out of Western media strum native instincts of revenge with narratives of how the leader was found holed up in a drainage hole, captured and dragged by the hair by one of NTC's vehicles. We recall the early accounts of the attack on Osama bin Laden, and the subsequent attempts of the White House to straighten "facts" that got out of hand; we must be wary of unverified stories. Attempts are even now made to compare Saddam Hussein's ignominious capture to that of Gaddafi!

Hoping that one can finally separate fact from fiction is, of course, a futile exercise. More so as we all suffer from the linguistic notion that we can have one word for every item of reality, along with the discovery that images influences behavior, and image-creation has become the growth industry of the times.

We might be better served in our understanding of events if we set Gaddafi's rule and demise within a broader context.

As a geo-social reality, we treat Africa as if it was one unit, forgetting that Africa south of Sahara is quite different from the lands north of it along the Mediterranean Sea. My social grid combines North Africa and the Middle East (NAME) as a separate geo-social continent, which is not far from the area's self-designation of MENA (Middle East and North Africa).

Until a decade ago, we were schooled with the Mercator projection of the globe where north of the equator is disproportionately blown up at the expense of the lands south of it, making Africa and South America look smaller than the lands in the northern hemisphere.

To appreciate how huge Africa is, combine the United States, China, India, Europe and Russia together and we would still have enough space to plunk the Marianas into the picture. Libya is the fourth largest country in Africa, created by Italy out of *Tripolitania, Fezzan,* and *Cyrenaica* in the early 1900s when Europe started colonial expansion for natural resource. Eighteen years after Italy granted Libyans political independence in 1951, Gaddafi led a *coup d'etat* that created a socialist state. Rich with oil, producing as much as Saudi Arabia, Libya tried to ascend into the nuclear warhead club of nations, but was dubbed instead as a rogue state in the eyes of the West. It swore off its atomic weapons program after the fall of Iraq to NATO forces.

In another instance of the instigating power of digital social networking, Libya joins Algeria, Egypt, Yemen, and Syria in what is now referred to as Arab Spring, of popular uprisings against unaccountable autocratic rule. Libya's unrivaled universal education and social medicine in the region notwithstanding, popular uprising combined with the labyrinthine petroleum politics, set into motion what eventually deposed the colorful thorn on the side of the West, once the darling supporter of rebel causes.

Even if the current events in Libya are best understood in the context of a huge continent with known and still unknown oil reserves, the Marianas is not immediately affected. Our fuel supply that keeps CUC running our aircons falls on the proven good graces of Mobil/Shell that has this previous Iberian colony by the *cojones*.

That is not, however, the case of China that has tried to assure its future fossil fuel requirements on African resources, given the paucity of its own. (CONOCO Phillips just sealed a BP-like Gulf-of-Mexico spill on Bohai Sea.) The war on Afghanistan is a quarrel over the Aral regions' oil reserves going south to Pakistan for the West, rather than to China. China's attempts to explore and access resources in its borders (Kazakhstan to the west, Mongolia and Siberia to the north, Japan and Yellow Seas/East and South China Seas on the east) are continually frustrated by nations who prominently control the financial operations of the oil companies that Italian Enrico Mattei dubbed as the "seven sisters" controlling Middle East oil extractions.

So, today's demise of Gaddafi in the hands of "freedom fighters" suffers in the hands of journalistic service of the bastions of corporate greed that manages to corral the frenzy of the masses to control of resources. But as has been true of all movements in the past, revolutionary change does not follow a neat menu, and neither the gas masks in Athens, Greece, nor the hygiene-challenged park near Wall St. will ever make the stench of coercive change palatable. Ironically, one who followed the dictum that power emanates from the barrel of a gun has become his own victim, has plunged his own country into a situation where every household has now, at least, a barrel of its own!

To its credit, members of the NTC promised a quiet Islamic burial for Moammar Gadhafi. We might yet find a spring flower in the harried global soul!

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Decision to impose monthly surcharges on debit cards gouges unwary consumers

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Bank of America's announcement that it will impose a $5 monthly surcharge on account holders who use debit cards has sparked both consumer protests and political uproar.

The financial giant is trying to justify the move as a consequence of new federal regulations limiting the amount banks can charge for debit transactions, casting the entire episode as an epic battle between free markets and government price-fixing. Its rationalization might play inside the Beltway, but it completely misses the point.

In order to function fairly and effectively, markets require both competition and transparency.

Before swipe fee reform, however, the debit card market had neither. Instead of competing on the basis of price, the two dominant players, Visa and MasterCard and their banks, each effectively fixed the fees banks receive on debit transactions. Rather than charging these fees openly, they hid them by requiring merchants to pay a "swipe" fee on every transaction.

For years, this opaque, non-competitive market created a cozy profit center for the banking industry. A 2010 study conducted by the Federal Reserve found the actual cost to banks for processing a debit card transaction was approximately 4 cents.

Yet until the new regulations took effect October 1, banks were charging merchants an average 44 cents per transaction—a hidden tax that generated $20 billion a year for the banks but cost the average household more than $175. Between 2001 and 2010, the annual cost to merchants and their customers for debit and credit card swipe fees combined more than tripled, to an estimated $50 billion.

The charge that the new rules established by the Federal Reserve amount to government price-fixing simply doesn't pass the laugh test.

Notwithstanding the protests of the banks, the new regulations do not "fix" debit card swipe fees. They merely establish an upper limit of 21 cents on the typical transaction. In other words, under these "draconian" new rules, banks will still be able to charge a 425 percent markup on debit card transactions.

Merchants who are required to collect these fees, on the other hand, earn an average net profit of about 2 percent.

The principle at stake is critical because the fight over debit card swipe fees is likely just the opening salvo in a long-running debate about how open and transparent banks should be about fees.

Next on the agenda will be reform of credit card fees, which are even more excessive than debit fees and just as obscure.

In 2010, the banking industry raked in about $30 billion in swipe fees on credit card transactions—over and above profits on late fees, annual fees, over-the-limit fees and interest. Not only do banks require merchants to collect fees averaging 2-3 percent of each credit card transaction, until swipe fee reform passed they effectively prevented retailers from offering a discount to customers who paid with cash.

Obviously, the banks' goal is not a fair, market-driven return on the cost of processing a card transaction. Instead, banks want to keep their fees hidden in order to pad their profits. If banks can continue to conceal their fees on debit and credit card transactions, imagine how easy it will be for them to electronically bury fees in the "tap and go" future when more consumer purchases migrate to mobile devices.

As long as banks are permitted to hide fees and avoid competition, consumers will continue to be gouged by higher prices for every product they purchase. Perhaps on some level, Bank of America is to be commended for finally coming clean about at least one of its fees.

Let's see if other banks compete to offer lower fees by scaling their profit margin on debit transactions from 425 percent to 300 or even 200 percent—or whether the entire industry continues to seek political cover.

Q: Is the Bank of America's recently announced $5 monthly surcharge on debit cards unfair to consumers?

Debit card surcharge is a free market reaction to government controls on swipe fees

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CON

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Bank of America and several smaller banks recently announced they will impose monthly fees on customers for using their debit cards.

The move prompted howls of protest, including ones from Senate Majority Whip Richard Durbin, D-Ill., who took to the Senate floor to encourage customers to remove their money from banks that raise fees.

That a sitting Senator would encourage a bank run at any time, much less when the economy is in a precarious state, is remarkable in itself—and an indication of the political heat generated by the new bank fees.

So let's see if we can shed some light on how to think about them. No customer wants to pay new fees for any product or service he already receives.

Why are these banks taking such an unpopular step and dinging their customers $3, $4, or $5 a month? It's important to note that no one can say he didn't see it coming, least of all Sen. Durbin.

When Congress pushed through its big financial reform package last year, it included price controls on the so-called "swipe fees" banks can charge merchants for the use of debit cards in retail transactions.

These fees are one way that banks make money. The swipe fees had nothing to do with the crisis that triggered the broader financial reform measure.

So why did Congress include these price caps? Sen. Durbin and other supporters of the measure were aiming to help friends in the retailing industry, who don't like paying the fees.

Before the law passed, the banks informed Sen. Durbin that imposition of the controls would likely lead them to raise prices for other services they offer. But the price caps passed despite this warning. And so banks have done exactly as they said they would do—raise fees elsewhere to make up for the lost revenue—estimated at over $6 billion.

So what should consumers receiving notices from their banks about increased fees think of all this?

Banks are not the most popular institutions these days, but they can hardly be faulted for raising fees in one area of their business after Congress imposed price caps in another.

This is not the first time Washington has experimented with price controls to ill effect. Price controls were advanced by policymakers to regulate the airline, telecommunications, and trucking industries, among others.

In the 1970s, caps on gasoline prices were imposed by the Nixon administration. This led to shortages and long lines at filling stations. Americans were outraged.

Indeed, price controls are one of the most pernicious kinds of government regulation. In an ironic twist, they often lead to higher consumer prices over time because they build inefficiencies into economic transactions and decision-making that end up costing consumers more money in the long run.

This is a key reason policymakers largely abandoned the use of price controls after the country's painful experiences with them in the 1970s. Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it, the saying goes. It looks like we're repeating the mistakes of the 1970s all over again.

Public ire today should be directed as it was back then—at Washington policymakers interfering with the market's price mechanism.

The good news is a bipartisan effort is channeling some of that public outrage in a productive manner. Rep. Jason Chaffetz, a Republican of Utah, and Rep. Bill Owens, a Democrat from New York, have sponsored legislation to repeal the Durbin price controls.

But they face an uphill battle. Large retailers like the price caps. And some policymakers like having banks as a convenient public villain. The loser if the price controls remain is the average bank customer who will likely see less innovation, worse service, and higher prices over time than he otherwise would.

Alabama's immigration law has ruinous impact

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Alabama is seeing the catastrophic results of its anti- immigrant law.

Other states would do well to learn the disastrous lesson. Like the Arizona law HB 1070 before it, Alabama's HB 56 was propelled into law by widespread misconceptions and fears about the place of undocumented immigrants in society today. The law allows law enforcement personnel to stop anyone they suspect may be here illegally. And while others states debate the merits of allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain a driver's license, HB 56 makes it a felony to even try to get one.

A federal appeals court has blocked some parts of this law, but not the whole thing.

Meanwhile, crops rot in the fields. News reports indicate that much of the migrant labor force is moving out of Alabama, and Americans aren't picking up the slack. Low wages and exhausting work simply don't appeal to unemployed Americans, whose bottom line is often flipping burgers or the equivalent for minimum wage.

There is a reason that farm work so heavily employs undocumented workers. It doesn't pay well, it doesn't have benefits, and equivalently exhausting jobs that do employ Americans typically pay much higher wages.

But Americans want their food cheap, and the bottom line is that farmers simply can't afford to pay better wages or offer better hours without a complete overhaul of the system. These jobs appeal to the undocumented among us because they are easy jobs to get without papers.

It will take hard lessons like the ones we are seeing right now in Alabama to show some people just how vital a part of our society undocumented immigrants are, and how little we are prepared to continue without them.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Palau	Rain	▲86	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲86	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲83	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲90	▼71
Kosrae	Rain	▲91	▼76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲63	▼56
Beijing	Showers	▲60	▼41
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼75
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼74
London	Sunny	▲57	▼47
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲75	▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲88	▼76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼50
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼68
New York	Sunny	▲63	▼46
Osaka	Showers	▲74	▼63
Paris	Sunny	▲57	▼37
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼58
Rome	Showers	▲69	▼50
Salem	Showers	▲65	▼51
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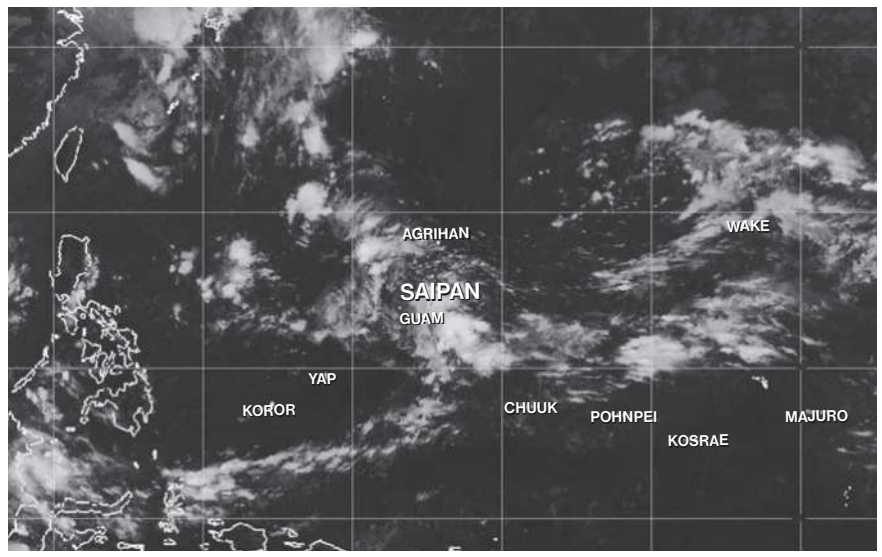

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak surface trough southwest of Guam extends from 10N140E to 12N144E and an upper-level low is centered northwest of the Marianas at 19N138E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with these features are occurring within 100 miles of a line from 25N137E to 21N137E to 10N148E including the Mariana Islands. Scattered showers are also found well northwest of Yap between 15N and 18N from 131E to 133E. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers within 50 miles of a line from 2N130E to 7N145E well south of Palau and Yap. An elongated upper-level low centered northwest of Wake Island near 21N162E is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the area bounded by 25N160E to 23N177E to 16N158E to 22N163E back to 26N160E including Wake Island. A weak trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms north of Pohnpei and Kwajalein in the area bounded by 10N157E to 16N166E to 10N168E back to 10N157E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers east of Majuro between 6N and 9N from 177E to 180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

2:10 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
9:09 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
4:09 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
10:22 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:10 AM	5:53 PM
Sunday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Monday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Tuesday	6:11 AM	5:51 PM
Wednesday	6:11 AM	5:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:16 AM	2:03 PM
Sunday	2:12 AM	2:48 PM
Monday	4:10 AM	4:21 PM
Tuesday	4:10 AM	4:21 PM
Wednesday	5:11 AM	5:11 PM

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DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05062	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05064	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C05070	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05064	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	3, 4, 7
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05070/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
C05068/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C05076/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C05076/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05072/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	8:15am	11:25pm	1, 5
C05076/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C05062	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C05062	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
C05071	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C05071	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm	2, 6
C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	1:00pm	8:05pm	1, 5
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CATHOLIC

Mt. Carmel Cathedral
Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English
Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro
Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro
Parish office hours:
Monday-Saturday
8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm

Korean Center
Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday-Friday: 8pm
Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

Kristo Rai Parish
Sunday- Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm)
Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated)
Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass
Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm.
Telephone no. 285-0273

Santa Soledad Mission Parish
Monday: 6pm
Tuesday: 6pm
Wednesday: 6pm
Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass)
Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass)
Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am,
Saturday: 4-6pm
Telephone no. 256-4568

Saint Jude Parish
Monday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 7am
Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am
Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm
Office is close every Thursday and Saturday
Telephone no. 288-0007

San Antonio Parish
Monday-Friday 6pm
Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children)
Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm
Close on Sunday and Monday

San Francisco de Borja-Rota
Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English
Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro
Wednesday:6pm English
Thursday: 6am Chamorro
Friday: 6am English
Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog
Sunday: anticipated mass

San Isidro-Rota
Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am
Monday-Friday: 7pm
Saturday: 5am and 7pm

San Jose (Oleai) Parish
Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass
Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament
Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass
Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass
Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm
Thursday: day off
Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm
Telephone no. 234-6991

San Roque Parish
Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English
Monday: 6pm English
Tuesday: 6pm English
Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil
Thursday: 6pm English
Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays)
Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass
Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm
Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143

San Vicente Parish
Monday-Friday: 6pm,
Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month)
Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm
Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm
Parish office hours: daily 9-11am
Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131

Santa Remedios
Sunday: 8am
Monday: 6pm (1st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm)
Tuesday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm
Parish office hours: Monday- Friday: 8:30am-12pm

PROTESTANT

Amen Church
Sunday : 10am, 1pm, 5pm Wednesday : 7pm Friday Prayer : 9pm Bible Study : 4pm (Tue) Music Practice : 5pm (Sat) Korean class: 3:30pm (Thu) Visitation : 10am(Fri, Sat) Outreach : 8am (First Sat) Tel. No. 285-2121, 256-2221 Email : oseyo@daum.net

Born Again Christian
(Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan
Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm
Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm
Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am
Sunday School for Children: 10-11am
Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm
Telephone no. 234-6026/27

Chinese Christian Church of Saipan
Worship Services:
Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm
Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday 8pm
Telephone no. 235-8540

Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan
Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am
Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm
Children Sunday School, 10:00am/ 6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm
Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm
As Perdido Road
Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950
Tel. No. (670) 235-8590
Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org

Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am
Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road,
Call 285-6081 for directions

Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am
Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service)
GBI Classes: 4-6pm
Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio
Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week)
Telephone no. 322-5680

Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan
Wednesday: 7:45pm (English)
Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog)
Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Sunday: 6:45am (English)
Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

Immanuel United Methodist Church
Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa
(east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral)
Worship Service: 9:00am
Children's Sunday School: 9:00am
Choir Practice: 8:00am
Singspiration: 8:30am
Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm
Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158

Immanuel Methodist Church
(Filipino Congregation)
Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog)
9:15am-Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group
8:00pm-Prayer Meeting
Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)
(Korean Congregation)
Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm
Wednesday evening service: 8pm
Daily morning prayer: 5am

Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan
Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am,
Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm,
Wednesday: 7:30-9pm

Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9:20am
Sunday Adult: 11am
Sunday Evening: 7:30pm
Wednesday: 8pm

Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 10am–12noon
Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm
Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm
Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm
Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm
Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan
English Worship Service: 9-10:30am
Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm
Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am
Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm
English Sunday School: 11am-12pm
Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting:
English, 7pm-8pm
Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

Missions Connection Ministry
Every Sunday Celebrations:
10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm
Youth Impact Friday: 7pm
Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

Northern Marianas Christian Church
Sunday Worship Service: 10 am at Seventh Day Adventist church on Quartermaster Rd.
Wednesday Service: 7 pm at Fina Sisu Housing FS#1
Contact Nick for more info: 287-1661

Marianas Bible Fellowship Center
Sunday School: 9-9:30am
Divine Worship: 9:30-11am
Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch)
Sunday worship 8:30am
Sunday evening 7:00pm
Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm
San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel
Telephone: 789-7566

Saipan Christian Church
Sunday: 7:30am-10am
Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm
Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting)
Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

Saipan Church of Christ
Sunday Bible Class: 9am
Sunday Worship: 10am
Sunday Worship English: 10-11am
Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm
Thursday Bible Study: 7pm

Saipan Community Church
(Sunday Services)
Palau Service: 7:30am-9am
English Service: 10am-11:30am
Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm
Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan
(Saturday Church Services)
Sabbath School Program: 9-10am
Lesson Study: 10-10:40am
Divine Service: 11-12pm
Visitation: 3-4pm
Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm
Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

First Baptist Church Koblerville
Sunday services:
Sunday school 9:00am
Morning worship 10:00am
Evening service 6:00pm
Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm

Chinese services
Sunday morning 10:00am
Sunday evening 7:00pm

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church.
Telephone No: 285-4661/2

Thy Word Ministries Saipan
Faith Center
Phone 234-0209
New Christian Charismatic Church Service
located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches.
Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi
Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi

Service Times
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service
Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies
Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice
Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service
Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

Upper Room International Ministries
Sunday 5:30am-6:30am
Morning prayer
7am-9am English service
7am-9am Sunday school
10am-12noon English service, Koblerville
Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting
Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service
Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church
Gualo Rai, Saipan

Victory Chapel Christian
Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30am
Sunday AM Worship:10:30am
Sunday PM Worship:7:00am
Wed Worship: 7:30pm
Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times
Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

Victorious Christian Church
(Formerly God's Victorious Army)
Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service
Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship
Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup
Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service
Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting
Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice
Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting
Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 22, 2001

60-MW power plant project may be shelved
A ranking official of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation has dropped strong hints that the five-year-old 60-megawatt Saipan power plant project may be shelved. "That's a big possibility," said Frank Flores, chair of the CUC Board's Operations Committee. The committee, he said, is now considering the recommendation of an independent consultancy firm, Burns and McDonnel, that a 60-megawatt power plant is unnecessary at this time, especially when there is an economic crisis. Flores said his committee is now considering the proposal for recommendation to the Board, which is set to convene in a special meeting on Wednesday.

Community joins fight vs domestic abuse
CNMI government leaders joined students and other members of the community in memorializing the fight against domestic violence through a candlelight vigil held Friday night at the American Memorial Park. Students and teachers of Kagman, San Antonio, Garapan, Koblerville, Oleai, Tanapag, and Dandan elementary schools joined the seventh annual Candlelight Vigil, which started with a procession from the American Memorial Park to the DFS Galleria and back to the park. A brief program, hosted by Miss CNMI-Universe Janet King and Dandan Elementary School Principal Jonas Barcinas, followed the procession.

Oct. 22, 2002

Collection of unpaid excise tax stepped up
The CNMI Division of Customs yesterday disclosed that the Commonwealth government is pursuing the collection of $56,000 in unpaid excise taxes since 1996, while some $400,000 will be due by November 2002. Customs Director Joe Mafnas emphasized that $2.2 million of the $2.7 million excise tax collectibles recently identified by the House of Representatives is now within the jurisdiction of the Attorney General's Office. Mafnas added that some $20,000 worth of uncollected excise taxes are from businesses that have filed for bankruptcy and about $34,000 worth of excise tax receivables have already been turned over to the AGO for proper legal action.

'Guam and NMI are not in competition for US military'
Although both Guam and the Commonwealth are actively wooing the U.S. military to expand its presence in the Marianas, both Guam Rep. Robert Underwood and Gov. Juan N. Babauta refused to call it competition between the two insular areas, saying both play complementary roles in terms of accommodating the U.S. military. At the same time, Underwood clarified that he sees the expanded military presence not so much as an alternative source for tourism-based revenue but more as a revenue base. "I think it's a base; I don't think it's an alternative but it's a base. We have to develop our own economic activity independent of the military but military spending is an excellent source of revenue and continues to be so, and I think it could stand to be enhanced," Underwood said.

Oct. 22, 2003

CNMI receives $11 million in Covenant funds for CIP
On behalf of the CNMI, Gov. Juan N. Babauta yesterday accepted $11 million in federal grants under the Covenant Section 702 funding that would be used for capital improvement projects across Saipan, Tinian and Rota. The chief executive sat down with Office of Insular Affairs Deputy Budget Director Tom Bussanich to pen his signature on the notification of grant award. More than half of the total amount granted to the CNMI--or $5.58 million—does not require local matching. The rest of the $5.42 million requiring CNMI matching would fund projects such as the tourism revitalization, among others.

DOL looks at employer's marriage
The Department of Labor has asked an employer to file another permit application following findings that the registered employer has been off-island and separated physically from his nonresident wife. DOL hearing officer Linn H. Asper in a recent administrative order affirmed an earlier denial of the application filed by employer April Miranda for employee Ailene Arlay. Asper, however, allowed the employer, represented by his wife Jolly Miranda, to submit a new application within 30 days. He said the department shall process the application and shall reserve judgment on the employer's CNMI residency status until such time that a 2004-2005 renewal application is filed for the employee.

Maharlika

ON LAWSUIT TO SUSPEND CW RULE

'Don't have false hopes'

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The Philippine Consulate General cautioned the Filipino community in the CNMI not to have "false hopes" in the wake of a lawsuit that seeks to suspend the implementation of the CNMI-only Transitional Worker final rule.

"We understand where they're coming from. But until the courts say otherwise, let's warn the people not to rely on that so as not to create false hopes," said Consul General Medardo Macaraig when asked for comment on the issue.

Seven individuals, including five long-term Filipino workers, filed in federal court on Thursday a lawsuit to stop federal officials from implementing the final rule, released last Sept. 7, which they described as "unlawful."

The final rule goes into effect on Nov. 28, 2011.

Macaraig

The complainants are Bonifacio V. Sagana, president of Dekada Movement, who has worked in the CNMI for 22 years and has US. citizen children; Gerardo G. De Guzman, who has worked as an accountant in the CNMI for 22 years and has U.S. citizen children; Hector T. Sevilla, who has worked as an architect in the CNMI for 22 years and has U.S. citizen children; Carlito J. Marquez, a mechanical engineering technologist who has been working in the CNMI for 14 years; and Eduardo M. Elenzano, an award-winning artist who has worked in the CNMI for 23 years and has U.S. citizen children.

The other two are Manuel T. Vilaga, a U.S. citizen with a small-scale contracting business on Saipan, and Jong Ho Lee, a U.S. permanent resident who is engaged in a small-scale business and is the current president of the Korean Community on Saipan.

The plaintiffs said the implementation of the CW final rule unduly prejudices foreign workers and business owners due to the short period by which it was released and implemented. It also runs counter to the "orderly phasing-out of the nonresident contract worker program of the Commonwealth" as mandated by Congress.

"That's their prerogative," Macaraig told *Saipan Tribune*. "Of course, we understand their point of view that there's a very short period of time within which we'll have to adjust to the new system. After all, they only recently released the final rule. But as I said, we leave it up to the courts."

Macaraig urged the Filipino community not to rely just yet on the outcome of this lawsuit.

"There's no assurance that it will get approved by the court so don't keep your hopes up. Don't rely on that because unless the courts decide otherwise, we're status quo. Let's just respect each other's point of view," he added.

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United Filipino Organization president Bong Malasarte, third from left, hands the $500 check donation to American Red Cross NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh, third from right, in a presentation at the Red Cross office yesterday. Also in the photo are, from left, UFO board members Leo Canedo, Olive Yana, Nelida Atalig, and Ed Reyes.

UFO donates $500 to Red Cross

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The United Filipino Organization, the umbrella organization of some 30 Filipino groups, donated $500 to the NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross yesterday as part of efforts to strengthen their involvement in the community.

UFO president Bong Malasarte and board members Nelida Atalig, Leo Cañedo, Ed Reyes, and Olive Yana presented the check donation to executive director John Hirsh at the Red Cross office yesterday afternoon.

"This is a good-sized donation for us so we really appreciate it," Hirsh said as he accepted the check from the UFO officers.

Hirsh commended the UFO, which continuously supports the Red Cross through many community service activities.

Their donation, Hirsh said, and all the other contributions that Red Cross receives support local operations of the volunteer-led, humanitarian organization that provides emergency assistance, disaster relief and education.

Hirsh said donations help fund free trainings for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, automated external defibrillators, lifeguarding, and swimming as well as purchase first-aid kits and AED to be donated to the community.

"We provide very good stewardship of people's donations. We're very transparent. Anybody in the community is always welcome to come to our office and look through our books and see how we keep track of anything," added Hirsh.

Malasarte, for his part, said that UFO officers unanimously agreed to donate the money to Red Cross to support their disaster preparedness efforts for the CNMI.

"We are aware of the importance of being ready all the time. At the same time, UFO also believes in the importance of helping the community to which we belong," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Last April, UFO also made a $500 donation to the NMI Japan Disaster Relief group to provide assistance to all the victims of the devastating 9.0-magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami that hit Japan in March.

"We want to show our sponsors and donors that we do believe in helping out our community," said Malasarte who is also the president of MDX Amateur Radio Club.

While UFO's donation is a "very small" amount compared to the scale of Red Cross' projects, Malasarte expressed hope that their group will be able to donate more once the island economy emerges from the current slump.

Malasarte also thanked all sponsors and supporters who have donated their time and resources for the success of the recently concluded UFO Basketball Friendship League: Docomo Pacific and Marpac; participating teams and players; committee officials; UFO officers, members, and volunteers; BANMI referees Abner Venus and Gabriel White; Jerry Tan; commissioner Wilfredo G. Ching; and KSPN 2's Bob Coldeen.

Registration for absentee voting to start on Nov. 2

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Beginning next month, the Philippine Consulate General will resume the registration and certification of qualified overseas absentee voters to allow them to vote during the May 13, 2013, Philippine national elections.

The registration and certification will be conducted from Nov. 2, 2011, until Oct. 31, 2012, during regular office days from 8am to 6pm.

The Consulate will also conduct the registration and certification during the One-Saturday or Sunday-A-Month service. This year, it will be on Nov. 19 and Dec. 18, from 9am to 4pm.

Those who may register are all qualified Filipino citizens who intend to vote abroad or who will be abroad on election day; Filipino citizens who will be turning 18 years old on or before the day of the election; dual citizens who have reacquired or retained their Philippine citizenship under the Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act of 2003; and immigrants or permanent residents who execute an Affidavit of Intent to Return upon filing of an application for registration as overseas absentee voter.

Registration requirements for overseas absentee voting are a valid Philippine passport and an accomplished OAV Form No. 1, which can be obtained at the Consulate or downloaded and printed from the Commission on Election website, www.comelec.gov.ph/.

For dual citizens who do not possess Philippine passports, requirements include an Order of Approval to retain or reacquire Filipino citizenship and the original or certified true copy of their Oath of Allegiance.

Filipinos in the CNMI who have previously registered and voted in the previous elections are also asked to personally appear at the Consulate office at the fifth floor of Marianas Business Plaza to verify whether their names are already included in the National Registry of Overseas Absentee Voters and the biometrics have been captured.

Those who have already registered, whose names are already on the list of registered voters in the Consulate, and whose biometrics have been captured do not need to register again. Those who are already in the list of registered voters but the biometrics have not been captured, applicants need to fill out the OAV Form No. 1 and have their biometrics captured.

In an interview yesterday, Consul General Medardo Macaraig said that while they will start the absentee voting registration on Nov. 2, their efforts to urge qualified voters to register will be only be on "full blast" next year because of the "unique situation" in the CNMI where majority of Filipinos are currently more concerned about the implementation of the CNMI-only transitional worker final rule.

"We were already given a budget to even bring the registration to Filipinos on Tinian and Rota through our mobile consular services but we deem it a waste of money because we know that not a lot of them will register given the situation. In principle, our request to move the mobile services next year has been approved," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

During the last absentee voting registration held from February to August 2009, Macaraig said the Consulate recorded a total of 7,169 registered absentee voters. The initial count was at 7,171 but the Consulate found out that two names were duplicated.

Of the 7,169 absentee voters, only 3,341 voted during the May 2010 Philippine election.

"We have to check again our list of absentee voters through the registration process," said Macaraig.

DFA: Travel ban for Libya stays

By TINA G. SANTOS
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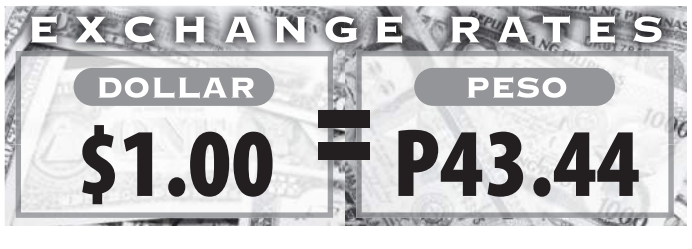
MANILA, Philippines—The government will maintain the ban on labor deployment to Libya despite the recent developments in the strife-torn northern African nation.

"We will continue monitoring the security situation in Libya to ascertain when is the right time to allow our overseas Filipino workers to return [there]," said Raul Hernandez, Department of Foreign Affairs spokesperson, in a text message.

"When the place is safe and secure for Filipinos to go back, we will inform the public accordingly," he added.

Due to civil unrest in the country, the DFA earlier issued a travel advisory urging Filipinos to defer non-essential and non-urgent travels to Libya until the security situation in the country has stabilized.



6 soldiers killed, 8 others hurt in rebel attack

By JULIE ALIPALA
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ZAMBOANGA CITY—Six government men were killed, eight others wounded and another one missing in separate attacks by armed men in Zamboanga Sibugay Thursday evening, Brigadier General Santiago Baluyot, the provincial military commander, said Friday.

The fresh incidents took place barely two days after 19 soldiers were killed in a clash with Moro rebels in Basilan province.

Baluyot said the first incident took place in Barangay Guintulan in Alicia town around 7:30 p.m. when armed men fired on a military vehicle. Three soldiers died and six others were injured while another soldier remained missing, Baluyot said.

The second attack, he said, involved policemen in Kabasalan town.

Three policemen were killed, and two others were wounded in the Kabasalan ambush, which took place near midnight, he said.

Rebel spokesman Von al Haq said Friday that the attacks were in retaliation for the army's alleged "indiscriminate shelling" of Muslim villages.

President Benigno Aquino III will meet later Friday with military commanders. ***(With AP)***

Pacquiao is training harder than usual

By LANCE PUGMIRE
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LOS ANGELES—The man who has watched boxers prepare for fights since the 1960s approached the trainer of the sport's current king and expressed some cautionary words.

"Slow him down, Freddie," veteran fight promoter Bob Arum said near the sweat-soaked ring in Hollywood.

It's there where Manny Pacquiao has returned to train under Freddie Roach for the final four weeks before his third fight against bitter rival Juan Manuel Marquez on Nov. 12 in Las Vegas.

"Slow him down," Arum repeated.

Almost from the moment the fight was announced, there have been concerns about properly pacing Pacquiao, who didn't even wait for the introductory news conference in the Philippines to start running.

Pacquiao, 32, is telling those close to him he doesn't want this fight in the hands of the judges after his prior battles with Marquez resulted in a 2004 draw and a 2008 Pacquiao victory by split-decision. The decisive score was a one-point margin.

He wants the knockout, and Roach says, "That's what we're training him for."

But there's danger in peaking too early, of working so hard in the first month-plus of training that the body inevitably fatigues in the final weeks before a fight.

"We're way ahead of where we usually are, like 75-80 percent of where we should be by fight night," Roach said. "We're usually around 50 percent right now. I have to make sure we don't overdo it."

Pacquiao (53-3-2, 38 knockouts) grinned his way through being questioned about his fervent effort to get ready for the 38-year-old Marquez.

"I'm focusing on my strength and speed," Pacquiao said. "They're watching my body, so I don't become too big. I control my training, step by step, until the time comes to fight. I want to be gradual in my training."

Pacquiao's words aren't matching his actions, conditioning coach Alex Ariza says. Pacquiao and Ariza had an occasionally animated conversation in the ring last week. Ariza said he convinced Pacquiao that drills to build up strength in the feet and legs are more important at this juncture than upper-body strength training.

"He wants to be as big as he was against Miguel Cotto," Ariza said of Pacquiao's last knockout two years ago—which has been followed by three consecutive unanimous decisions versus larger opponents. "But Cotto was the equivalent of a linebacker, and Marquez is a free safety.

"I think he just wants to kill Marquez."

Pacquiao has never forgiven Marquez (53-5-1, 39 KOs) for not only complaining incessantly after the 2008 loss, but traveling to the Philippines to wear T-shirts saying he was robbed of victory and pleading for a third fight.

"This fight," Pacquiao said, "will be the answer to all those doubts."

AIRPORT DRILL AP

A fireman sprays foam at a jetliner mock up as a passenger plane takes off during an airport drill to simulate an emergency landing situation at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Thursday Oct. 20, 2011 at suburban Pasay city south of Manila, Philippines. The drill, conducted once every two years, is done to test preparedness of airport search and rescue personnel in emergency situations.

Philippine police seek witnesses in priest killing

By OLIVER TEVES
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MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines has created a special police unit to investigate the killing of an Italian missionary priest in the country's south, while the president vowed that those responsible would be brought to justice.

The Special Investigation Task Group will ask permission from Roman Catholic officials to conduct an autopsy on Rev. Fausto Tentorio's remains in hopes of recovering bullet fragments to identify the firearm used and its owner, according to Chief Superintendent Lester Camba.

A man shot Tentorio early Monday within the church compound in North Cotabato province's Arakan township and fled on a motorcycle driven by an accomplice.

The 59-year-old priest, a native of Santa Maria Hoe town in Italy's Lecco province, had been in the Philippines for the past 32 years. He was the third missionary from the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Mission, or PIME, killed in the Philippines.

Tentorio

"The motive is still being determined," Camba told The Associated Press. "We are appealing to the constituents of Arakan ... to come out and give information on what happened, even before the incident."

President Benigno Aquino III said police were following leads, which he did not specify.

"At this point in time we are not prepared to name the suspects involved in this," he said.

He vowed that those responsible would go to jail.

"Regardless of who did the crime, they will have to pay," Aquino said.

Camba said no one has come forward claiming to have seen the actual shooting, which happened while a regular morning flag raising ceremony was being held in a school across the street from the church compound.

He said a person saw a man running away from the scene after the shooting, but the witness was about 200 yards (meters) away.

He said bullet slugs are still embedded in Tentorio's body. Tentorio was shot from the left side from about three feet (1 meter) away, he said.

Rev. Gianni Re, who heads PIME in the Philippines, told AP the autopsy can be performed "as long as it will help the investigation."

Re said plans for next week's funeral are being prepared as church authorities wait for the arrival of the family of Tentorio, who will most likely be buried in the Philippines as was his wish.

He said there were 22 PIME missionaries in the Philippines and Tentorio was one of 10 assigned on Mindanao, the resource-rich but largely poor main southern Philippine island where communist and Muslim rebels and al-Qaida-linked militants operate.

"We don't understand why now? What happened? Who is behind it? So we don't understand the reason, and that is the reason we are shocked," he said. "We don't understand why there are people who do this kind of thing even though we are here to try to help, to help the church, to help the people."

PHILIPPINE BRIEFS

China tells Philippines to return small boats

BEIJING (AP) — China has told the Philippines to return 25 small boats that were being towed by a Chinese fishing vessel in waters near the disputed Spratly Islands in the South China Sea. Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu says a Philippine warship's propellor became entangled with the mooring rope of the unoccupied boats as they were being towed Tuesday. Jiang said Thursday that China has "indisputable sovereignty" over the islands and that the Philippine naval action infringed on the rights of the fishermen. A Philippine navy official has apologized for the accident. The Philippines is at loggerheads with China over the Spratly and Paracel Islands in the South China Sea, which Beijing claims in its entirety on historical grounds.

Philippine communist rebels raid banana plantation

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The military says communist rebels have raided a Japanese-managed banana plantation in the southern Philippines just weeks after guerrillas attacked three Japanese-Filipino mining companies. Lt. Col. Lyndon Paniza of the army's 10th Infantry Division says about 25 New People's Army rebels disguised as soldiers surprised security guards at the Sumifru Corp. compound in Compostela Valley province's Laak township early Thursday. He says they burned two trucks and the company's radio communications room and fled with the guards' weapons and an electric generator. No one was hurt. The rebels earlier this month burned millions of dollars worth of equipment at three mining companies in southern Surigao del Norte province partly owned by Japan's Sumitomo Corp.

Citi: Number of 'rich' Filipinos rising

By MICHELLE V. REMO
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Citi has expressed optimism that the number of Filipinos belonging to the "emerging affluent" segment—composed of people with assets between $10,000 and $100,000—will grow by 10-12 percent every year over the medium term.

The international financial institution said this trend poses a good opportunity for it to grow its business in the Philippines by marketing new financial services that cater to the "nearly rich."

In a briefing Thursday, Citi launched its new financial services program targeting the emerging affluent sector.

These include designation of personal bankers for their clients; more sophisticated mobile, Internet and phone banking; and personalized wealth management services.

"There is a huge number of people [in the Philippines] who will move to the emerging affluent segment, and so we want to be ahead of the game," Daniel Baranowski, head of Citi's emerging affluent group for Asia, said Thursday.

Citi estimates that there are 5 million Filipinos belonging to the emerging affluent segment, or less than 5 percent of the population.

But even at this level, he said the number was already attractive enough for Citi to invest in the new set of financial services.

According to Baranowski, the number of Filipinos belonging to the emerging affluent sector will grow by between 10 and 12 percent every year over the medium term.

"There are 'mega-trends' in the Philippines that make it attractive for Citi [to invest in more financial services]. These include rising urbanization and demand for goods and services, as well as an economy that is growing by 4 to 5 percent a year," Baranowski said.

"We estimate that the number of people in the emerging market segment will grow twice as much as the growth of the economy," he added.

Baranowski also said the Philippine economy's sustained growth, even at the height of global economic challenges, makes the country attractive for banking business.

Over the past decade, the Philippines has posted an average growth of nearly 5 percent.

"We see the Philippines as a good market," Baranowski said.

Citi expects the country's growth to outpace that of the industrialized economies, which are currently growing by only 2 percent.

Baranowski said the rapid urbanization in the country is likewise a come-on for banks since this indicates a growing demand for financial services.

The new set of financial services that Citi launched in the Philippines Thursday was also launched in other selected Asian markets such as Taiwan, China, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Citi said the new set of financial services for the emerging affluent segment will also be launched in four to five more emerging markets in Asia, which is expected to continue driving growth of the global economy over the medium term as industrialized nations are struggling with debt woes.

Individuals who belong to the emerging affluent segment, besides earning between $10,000 and $100,000, are also described as employed, mobile (travel frequently), Internet savvy, and keen on having a financial plan.

A survey conducted by Citi among emerging markets in Asia, including the Philippines, showed that people in the emerging affluent segment want more personalized and sophisticated services from their banks.

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

The CNMI Chapter of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter selected its new Ecclesial Leadership Team, facilitated by the Section 12 leaders Brian and Claudine Perry from Maui, couple on the right, during the fall weekend on Oct. 14-16. The new leaders are Charles and Cathy Cepeda, shown at left, and Fr. Isaac Ayuyu, center. The NMI Chapter also graduated 24 new couples. The presenting team consisted of Vince and Hilma Castro, Fr. Ayuyu, John and Carolyn Hosono and the Perry couple. The Community is grateful to Fr. Ike and Vince and Hilma Castro for the past two years of leadership service.

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STORYSHARING TRAINING

Childcare center teachers and staff show off their certificates after finishing a Teacheread Storysharing training on Sept. 24, 2011. The 12-hour Teacheread training is a locally developed program modeled on the Motheread storysharing curriculum. The program is designed to give teachers and child caregivers the skills necessary to build children's reading and critical thinking skills.

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WELCOME!

Members of the MHS Chamorro Cultural Club perform a dance number to welcome their counterparts from Ueda Nishi High School in Japan at the MHS gymnasium Thursday morning. Ueda Nishi High School principal Kenji Muramatsu said the visiting group, composed of 201 students, 19 teachers, and four tour coordinators, flew to Saipan to pray for peace and to study its history and how it relates to Japan.

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CEMETERY CLEANUP

Saipan Southern High School's Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets help transfer bags filled with collected materials from the cemetery onto the trailer after a successful cleanup of the Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Chalan Kanoa on Saturday. The SSHS JROTC group consisted of over 59 cadets and volunteers. They will have another cleanup today, focusing on the other part of the cemetery.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

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Happy first birthday to Genicia Mae Ty-quiengco Agulto and may you have many more birthdays to come. May God bless you and w e hop you'll enjoy your day. Greetings come from the Chungi family.

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Happy 18th birthday, Holly Camacho! May you have a wonderful day! May the Lord continue to bless you with good health and happiness. We love you! Greetings come from Dad, Mom, and VJ.

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Advanced happy birthday to Michelle M. Hamilton, who will be celebrating her 29th birthday tomorrow, Oct. 23, 2011! Wishing you all the best and many birthdays to come. We love you - cheers! Greetings come from the entire family.

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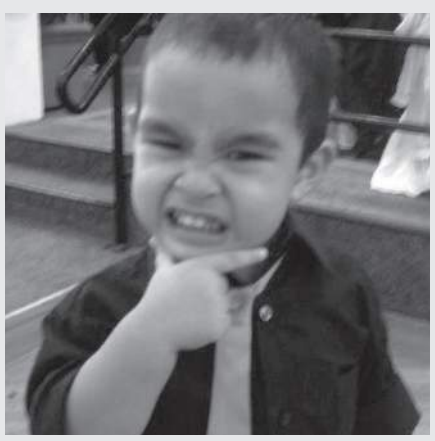
Happy 13th birthday to Juan Ilisari Quitugua Jr.! Wishing you all the best on your special day. We love you. Greetings come from the Hamilton-Quitugua family.



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Happy birthday to our comedian boy, Keeno! May you continue to be healthy! Thank you for making all of us laugh! We love you! God bless! Greetings come from your family!

Business

Gadhafi's death helps clear way for oil exports

NEW YORK (AP)—It will still be several months before Libya can export as much oil as it did before it descended into civil war earlier this year. But the killing of Moammar Gadhafi reduces the chance that violence will get in the way as Libya cranks up production again.

And as Libyan crude returns, it could lower the price of oil on the international markets and gasoline at American pumps.

The type of crude produced by Libya, known as light, sweet crude, is rare. It is especially valuable because it is easier for refineries to convert into diesel and gasoline. Many refineries can't switch easily to processing other varieties of crude.

Before the civil war, Libya produced only 2 percent of the world's oil. But even small interruptions in oil production can have a big effect on the price because the balance between supply and demand is delicate.

When fears arise that supplies might fall short, traders get nervous, and prices can go up fast.

The price of oil jumped 35 percent between Feb. 15, when protests started in Benghazi, and April 29, when oil hit almost $114 per barrel, the highest since 2008. Gasoline prices in the U.S. rose from $3.12 before the fighting to a three-year high of $3.98 on May 5.

High prices, plus the prospect that Libyan crude would disappear from the market for a long time, led a group of oil-importing nations to announce the release of 60 million barrels of oil from emergency stocks. That included 30 million from the United States.

The price of oil came down because traders figured Libyan oil would return after Gadhafi was ultimately overthrown—but also because of concerns that a worldwide economic slowdown would reduce demand for oil.

By Wednesday, oil had returned to its price before Libya's uprising began. It fell 81 cents Thursday to $85.30 a barrel in New York trading. The average price of a gallon of gas in the U.S. was unchanged at $3.47.

The oil market's reaction to Gadhafi's death was muted because efforts to revive the Libyan oil industry have been under way for months under the Libyan transitional government.

"It was a foregone conclusion that Gadhafi was finished," said Daniel Yergin, chairman of IHS CERA, an energy research firm, and author of a Pulitzer Prize-winning history of the oil industry.

AP

Revolutionary Libyan fighters inspect a storm drain where they claim Moammar Gadhafi was found wounded in Sirte, Libya, Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011.

Senate rejects slimmed-down Obama jobs bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—Despite a campaign-style push this week by President Barack Obama, the Senate on Thursday scuttled pared-back jobs legislation aimed at helping state and local governments avoid layoffs of teachers and firefighters.

Obama's three-day bus tour through North Carolina and Virginia—states crucial to his re-election race next year—didn't change any minds among Senate Republicans, who filibustered Obama's latest jobs measure to death just as they killed his broader $447 billion jobs plan last week.

The 50-50 vote came in relation to a motion to simply take up the bill and fell well short of the 60 needed to break a filibuster. Democrats Ben Nelson of Nebraska, Mark Pryor of Arkansas and Independent Joe Lieberman of Connecticut broke with Obama on the vote. Two Democrats who voted with the president, Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Jon Tester of Montana, however, said they couldn't support the underlying Obama plan unless it's changed.

Thursday's $35 billion measure combined $30 billion for state and local governments to hire teachers and other school workers with $5 billion to help pay the salaries of police officers, firefighters and other first responders. The White House says the measure would "support" almost 400,000 education jobs for one year. Republicans call that a temporary "sugar high" for the economy.

Obama and his Democratic allies are acting like they've found a winning issue in repeatedly pressing popular ideas such as infrastructure spending and boosting hiring of police officers and firefighters. The sluggish economy and lower tax revenues have caused many teachers' jobs to be cut over the past several years.

"In the coming school year, many school districts will have to make another round of difficult decisions that will cost jobs and put the education of the nation's children at risk," a White House policy statement said.

"We cannot afford to be bailing out local governments, and we can't afford stimulus 2.0," countered Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla.

After the failure of the jobs measure last week, Democrats vowed to try to resurrect it on a piece by piece basis, even though the strategy doesn't seem to have any better chance of success. But Democrats are trying to win a political advantage through repeated votes. They're also pressing for passage of a poll-tested financing mechanism—a surcharge on income exceeding $1 million.

Economy shows signs of health after summer slump

WASHINGTON (AP)—The economy appears slightly healthier than many had feared it was a few weeks ago, raising hopes that it can end the year on an upward slope.

A raft of data Thursday show layoffs are trending down to a six-month low and factories in the Mid-Atlantic are growing again after contracting for two months. Nevertheless, home sales fell and the housing market is expected weigh on the economy deep into 2012.

The outlook for the final six months of the year has improved from August, when many thought the economy was at growing risk of falling back into a recession. Other recent reports showed hiring picked up slightly in September and consumers boosted their spending on retail goods by the most since March.

Most economists now expect modest growth for the rest of this year. Still, they caution that it's unlikely to be strong enough to significantly lower the unemployment rate, which has been stuck near 9 percent for more than two years. And a recession in Europe, which many now predict, could slow growth in 2012.

Macroeconomic Advisers forecasts the economy will expand at an annual rate of 2.7 percent in the July-September quarter, and 2.6 percent in the final three months of the year. The government issues its first estimate for third-quarter growth on October 27.

"A recession now looks a lot less likely, but economic growth is still going to be pretty weak," said Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics.

Reports Thursday were mostly positive:

■ The average number of people applying for unemployment benefits each week over the past four weeks fell to 403,000, the Labor Department said. That's the lowest level for the four-week average since mid-April. A month ago, it was 422,250.

■ Manufacturing grew in the Philadelphia region in October after contracting for two straight months, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia said. The October reading was the best for the Philly Fed's regional manufacturing index in six months.

■ The Conference Board index of leading economic indicators rose 0.2 percent in September. It was the fifth consecutive gain for the index, although it was slightly weaker than increases in August and July.

The financial markets rose in morning trading after the Philly Fed report was released. They gave up most of their early gains after reports showed Europe is struggling to agree on a plan to address the region's debt crisis. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 37 points for the day.

Economists have been closely watching unemployment benefit applications since fears of another recession intensified this summer. Layoffs and applications tend to rise at the beginning of recessions.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Some stores freezing out Ben & Jerry's new flavor

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Ben & Jerry's Schweddy Balls ice cream is too hot to handle for some supermarket chains. While the new limited-edition flavor has brought chuckles from fans of the "Saturday Night Live" skit on which it's based, some supermarket chains aren't laughing and have been giving it a cold shoulder. The flavor featuring fudge-covered rum balls has been absent from some grocery freezers since it was unveiled. The title was inspired by an innuendo-laced 1998 skit featuring Alec Baldwin as baker Pete Schweddy, who promises, "No one can resist my Schweddy balls." But apparently some grocery store chains can, and so can supporters and members of the One Million Moms group.

Judge dismisses antitrust lawsuit against Mattel

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)—A federal judge has dismissed an antitrust lawsuit against Mattel Inc. brought by the makers of Bratz dolls. In a ruling filed Thursday, U.S. District Judge David O. Carter in Santa Ana, Calif., dismissed the case without prejudice. That means the fashion doll makers at MGA Entertainment can still file an amended lawsuit. MGA has already been awarded nearly $310 million in a prior lawsuit after the judge found that Mattel stole MGA's trade secrets. Mattel is appealing that decision. The latest suit brought by MGA, which makes the pouty-lipped Bratz dolls, alleged anti-competitive conduct by Barbie-maker Mattel since August 2010.

Oil hovers above $86 ahead of Europe debt talks

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices hovered above $86 a barrel Friday in Asia ahead of a summit this weekend where European leaders will try to agree on a plan to contain their region's debt crisis. Benchmark crude for December delivery was up 17 cents at $86.24 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 22 cents to settle at $86.07 in New York on Thursday. Brent crude was up 14 cents at $109.90 a barrel on the ICE Futures Exchange in London.

STOCK PORTFOLIO

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
11,541.78	1,215.39	2,598.62
+37.16	0.00	-5.42
+0.32%	0.00%	-0.21%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	0.9765	Hong Kong Dollar	7.7794	Philippine Peso	43.395
British Pound	0.6323	Indian Rupee	50.05	Singapore Dollar	1.2777
Canadian Dollar	1.0155	Indonesian Rupiah	8892.5	South Korean Won	1147.5
Chinese Yuan	6.3837	Japanese Yen	76.752	Swiss Franc	0.8881
Euro	0.7251	New Zealand Dollar	1.2611	Thailand Baht	31.07

Nation

Few Americans take immigrants' jobs in Alabama

ONEONTA, Ala. (AP)—Potato farmer Keith Smith saw most of his immigrant workers leave after Alabama's tough immigration law took effect, so he hired Americans. It hasn't worked out: Most show up late, work slower than seasoned farm hands and are ready to call it a day after lunch or by midafternoon. Some quit after a single day.

In Alabama and other parts of the country, farmers must look beyond the nation's borders for labor because many Americans simply don't want the back-breaking, low-paying jobs immigrants are willing to take. Politicians who support the law say over time more unemployed Americans will fill these jobs. They insist it's too early to consider the law a failure, yet numbers from the governor's office show only nominal interest.

"I've had people calling me wanting to work," Smith said. "I haven't turned any of them down, but they're not any good. It's hard work, they just don't work like the Hispanics with experience."

Alabama passed its law in June and it was immediately challenged by the Obama administration as it has been in other states. Unlike those states' measures, Alabama's law was left largely in place while challenges played out in court, frightening Hispanics and driving many of them away.

The agriculture industry suffered the most immediate impact. Farmers said they will have to downsize or let crops die on the vine. As the season's harvest winds down, many are worried about next year.

AP

Titus Howard of Birmingham, Ala., pulls plastic from fields as he tries his hand at field work in Steele, Ala., Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011.

In south Georgia, Connie Horner has heard just about every reason unemployed Americans don't want to work on her blueberry farm. It's hot, the hours are long, the pay isn't enough and it's just plain hard.

"You can't find legal workers," Horner said. "Basically they last a day or two, literally."

Horner, who runs an 8 1/2-acre organic blueberry farm, said she tried to use the government's visa program to hire foreign workers, but it was too costly and time consuming.

She plans to stop growing organically and start using a machine to pick the berries.

"I did everything I possibly could to be legal and honest and not part of the problem," Horner said. "Morally, I can't knowingly hire illegal workers."

Gov. Robert Bentley, a Republican who signed the law, started a program last week to help businesses, particularly farmers, make up for the lost labor. So far, about 260 people interested in temporary agricultural jobs have signed up. About three dozen job openings have been posted, said Tara Hutchison, a spokeswoman for the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations. She said the department doesn't know of anyone who has been hired.

Sen. Scott Beason, a Republican, said he has received several emails and phone calls from people thanking him for helping them get jobs. He described one getting promoted from a part-time job with no benefits to a full-time job with benefits because some other immigrant workers left. He said none of the workers who thanked him have wanted to talk to the media.

"They are paranoid of publicity. They are like, `I don't want to get shredded up like y'all are.' ... I really can't blame them," he said.

Over the past two weeks, The Associated Press has reached out to the governor's office and other officials to provide the names of Alabama residents who have taken immigrant jobs. Either they were not made available, or didn't want to speak publicly.

Brent Martin, an Alabama resident, started working on a tomato farm in an area northeast of Birmingham after the law was passed. On Thursday, he and two other Americans were clearing about 24,000 tomato stakes off a 4-acre plot. He said few Americans who would stick with it.

"There are plenty who could do it, but would they? I don't know about that. I don't see why they wouldn't as bad as the economy is right now," Martin said.

Relatively high unemployment rates—about 9 percent in the U.S. and 9.9 in Alabama—are not likely to push Americans toward farm work, said Demetrios Papademetriou, president and co-founder of the Migration Policy Institute. He suggested the problem may be more deeply rooted.

Largest study on cellphones, cancer finds no link

LONDON (AP)—Danish researchers can offer some reassurance if you're concerned about your cellphone: Don't worry. Your device is probably safe.

The biggest study ever to examine the possible connection between cellphones and cancer found no evidence of any link, suggesting that billions of people who are rarely more than a few inches from their phones have no special health concerns.

The Danish study of more than 350,000 people concluded there was no difference in cancer rates between people who had used a cellphone for about a decade and those who did not.

Last year, a separate large study found no clear connection between cellphones and cancer. But it showed a hint of a possible association between very heavy phone use and glioma, a rare but often deadly form of brain tumor. However, the numbers of heavy users was not sufficient to make the case.

That study of more than 14,000 people in multiple countries, in addition to animal experiments, led the International Agency for Research on Cancer to classify electromagnetic energy from cellphones as "possibly carcinogenic," adding it to a list that also includes things such as coffee and gasoline engine exhaust.

But that designation does not mean the phones necessarily pose a risk. Cellphones do not emit the same kind of radiation as that used in some medical tests or found in other sources such as radon in soil.

Two U.S. agencies—the Food and Drug Administration and the Federal Communications Commission—have found no evidence that cellphones are linked to cancer.

Yet fears of a link persist, despite the fact that cancer rates have not risen since cellphones were introduced.

In the latest research, published online Thursday in the journal BMJ, researchers updated a previous study examining 358,403 cellphone users aged 30 and over in Denmark from 1990 to 2007. They found cellphone users did not have a higher cancer risk compared with those without cellphones.

Ohio man who freed wild animals was deep in debt

ZANESVILLE, Ohio (AP)—The exotic-animal owner who killed himself after turning loose dozens of lions, tigers and other beasts was deep in debt, and a fellow big-cat enthusiast said Thursday that he had taken in so many creatures he was "in over his head."

A day after sheriff's deputies with high-powered rifles killed nearly 50 animals set free by Terry Thompson, the sheriff refused to speculate why he did it. Many neighbors, meanwhile, were puzzled as to why Thompson—a man who seemed to like animals more than people—would lash out in a way that would doom his pets.

However, court records show that he and his wife owed at least $68,000 in unpaid taxes to the IRS and the county, and he had two federal tax liens filed against him last year. He had just gotten out of federal prison last month for possessing unregistered weapons.

Kenny Hetrick, who has six tigers and other animals on his property outside Toledo, said he used to see Thompson at exotic-animal auctions a few times a year in Ohio. Many of Thompson's tigers had been donated to him by people who bought baby animals that they no longer wanted once they started to grow, Hetrick said.

AP

In this photo obtained by the Associated Press, carcasses lay on the ground at the Muskingum County Animal Farm Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, in Zanesville, Ohio.

"He really had more there than what he could do," Hetrick said. "I don't know what his deal was, but he was in over his head."

On Tuesday, Thompson, 62, threw open the cages at his animal preserve and committed suicide. His body was found near the empty cages with a bite on the head that appeared to have been inflicted by a big cat shortly after Thompson shot himself, Sheriff Matt Lutz said. It appeared his body had been dragged a short distance, Lutz said.

Deputies killed 48 animals—including 18 rare Bengal tigers, 17 lions and eight bears—in a hunt across the Ohio countryside that lasted nearly 24 hours. Only a monkey was still missing, and it was probably killed by one of the big cats, Lutz said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Musharraf: US-Pakistan relationship at new low

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—Former Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf said Thursday that Pakistan and the United States were mutually to blame for a relationship that's reached its lowest point and remains plagued by "total mistrust." The Pakistani military was guilty of "terrible negligence" in allowing Osama bin Laden to go undetected before he was killed in a U.S. raid, Musharraf told an audience in Arkansas. Musharraf also said Pakistan hadn't done enough to target Taliban-affiliated militants known as the Haqqani network and that slain Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi had failed as a dictator. On the same day that Secretary of State Hillary Clinton warned military leaders in Islamabad about militants, Musharraf—a short distance from her husband's presidential library in Little Rock, Ark.—said that neither Pakistan nor the U.S. could defeat militants on their own.

2 Minn. women guilty of aiding Somali terror group

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Two Minnesota women who claimed they were helping the poor in Somalia were convicted Thursday of conspiring to funnel money to a terrorist group as part of what prosecutors called a "deadly pipeline" sending funds and fighters to al-Shabab. After the verdicts, one of the women, Amina Farah Ali, told the judge through an interpreter that she was happy because she was "going to heaven no matter what," and condemned those in authority, saying: "You will go to hell." She was ordered into custody pending her sentencing. Ali, 35, and Hawo Mohamed Hassan, 64, were each charged with conspiracy to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization. Ali also faced 12 counts of providing such support, for allegedly sending more than $8,600 to al-Shabab from September 2008 through July 2009, while Hassan faced two counts of lying to the FBI.

Ala. man executed for 6-month-old son's slaying

ATMORE, Ala. (AP)—An Alabama man has been executed for killing his infant son in February 2005, declaring as his only last words, "Game over." Authorities say Christopher Johnson was pronounced dead at 6:25 p.m. local time Thursday after receiving a lethal injection at Holman prison in Atmore, the same community where the crime occurred. Johnson, 38, was convicted in the death of his 6-month-old son, Elias Ocean Johnson. He testified at trial he beat and suffocated his son because he hated his wife and didn't want to be near the mother of their child.

Asia

Floodwaters begin seeping into Bangkok suburbs

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's prime minister urged Bangkok's residents to get ready to move their belongings to higher ground Friday as the country's worst floods in half a century began seeping into the capital's outer districts.

The warning came one day after the government opened several key floodgates in a risky bid to let built-up water flow through the city's canals toward the sea. Authorities had said the canals could overflow, but it was not known to what degree.

An Associated Press Television News team that visited the area on Friday saw water entering homes in Bangkok's northern Lak Si district, which is located along the capital's main Prapa canal. The water had risen to knee-level in some places but damage has so far been minor and not affected Bangkok's main business district.

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra told reporters the Prapa canal was a big concern as water levels running through it had risen significantly overnight.

"I would like to ask people in all districts of Bangkok to get ready to move their belongings to higher ground as a precaution," Yingluck said, adding that people should "not to panic."

Gov. Sukhumbhand Paribatra said managing the Prapa canal was a "top priority" but vast pools of runoff draining through it from the north are expected to intensify.

Authorities have said immense networks of sandbagged barriers could deteriorate under pressure from the water, since they were not designed as dams. Yingluck said Wednesday there were no other options to slow down the approaching water.

Excessive rains and storms have wasted a vast swath of Asia this year, killing 745 people—a quarter of them children—in Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos and the Philippines, according to the United Nations.

Thailand's government said Friday at least 342 deaths occurred here, mostly from drowning as floodwaters crept across this Southeast Asian nation since July. The floods have submerged land in about one-third of the country, leaving some towns under water more than six-feet-high (two-meters-high).

The threat of floodwaters swamping glitzy downtown Bangkok and ruining treasured ancient palaces and chic boutiques along skyscraper-lined avenues has loomed large over this giant metropolis for weeks.

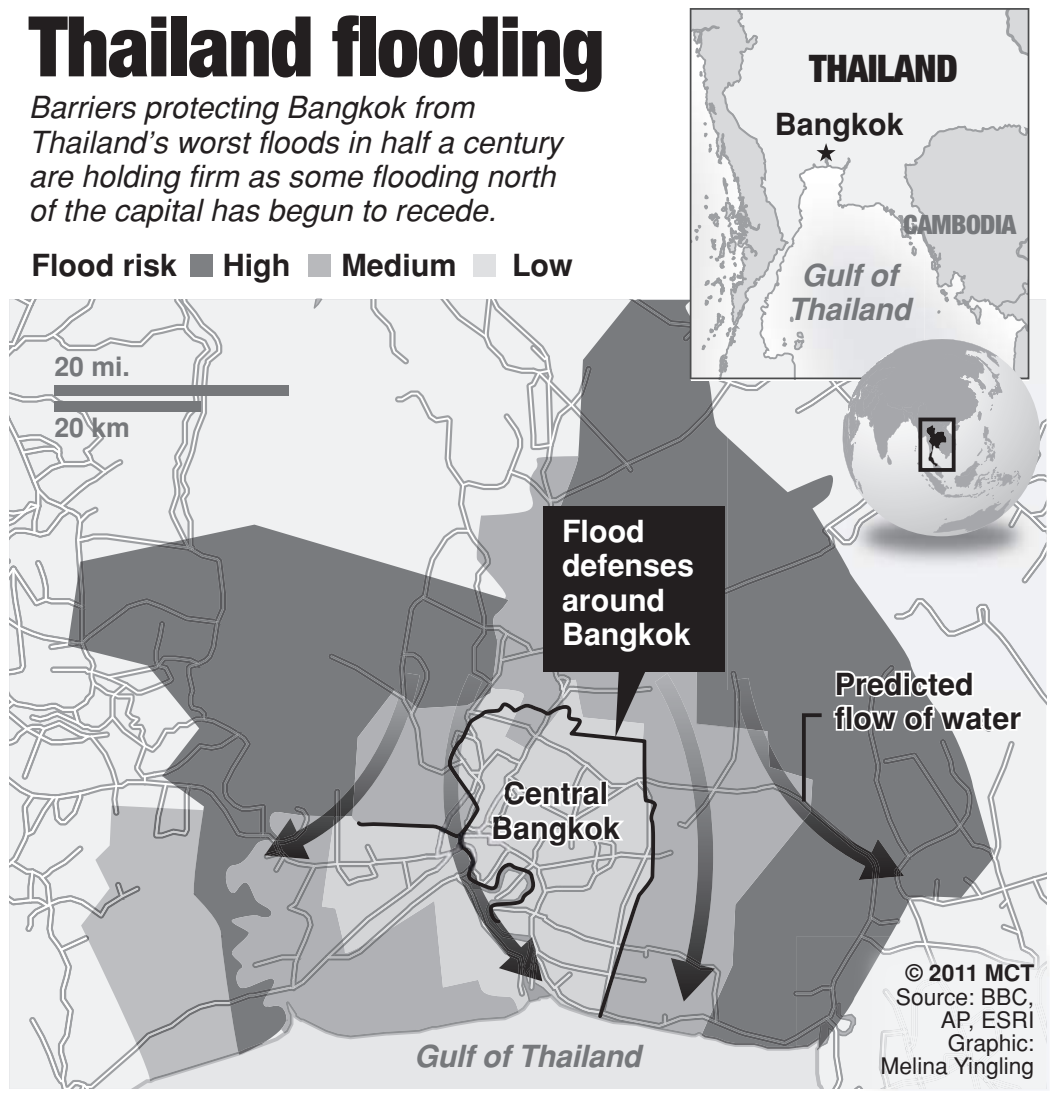
No major damage has occurred yet, and life is mostly normal in most of the capital. But many Bangkokians are girding for the worst.

"The water is coming, it's inevitable," Oraphin Jungkasemsuk, a 40-year-old employee of Bangkok Bank's headquarters, said Thursday. Its outer wall is protected by a six-foot-high (two-meter-high) wall of sandbags wrapped in thin plastic sheeting.

"They are fighting a massive pool of water. They cannot control it anymore," Oraphin said. "There are barriers, but it can come into the city from any direction, even up through the drains."

Much is at stake. Economic analysts say the floods have already cut Thailand's 2011 GDP projections by as much as 2 percent. Damages could run as high as $6 billion—an amount that could double if floods swamp Bangkok.

This week, Bangkok's governor called for 1 million sandbags to reinforce vulnerable spots—on top of 1 million more called for earlier this month.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Barriers protecting Bangkok from Thailand's worst floods in half a century are holding firm as some flooding north of the capital has begun to recede.
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ASIA BRIEFS

Australians cheer Queen Elizabeth during boat trip

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Thousands of people cheered and waved from the banks of the Australian capital's central lake as Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Philip, took a motor boat to a flower show Thursday in their first public appearance of a 10-day tour of Australia. The 85-year-old queen wore a lilac hat and coat and her 90-year-old husband a hat to protect against the late morning spring sunshine as they waved to well-wishers from the open boat beneath an almost cloudless sky. The couple, who arrived Wednesday, appeared fresh despite the 11-hour time difference from their London home. The fans who greeted the royal couple included Elizabeth Stewart, 83, who flew from her home in Lower Hutt, New Zealand, to see the monarch for the third time. Stewart first saw the queen when she visited New Zealand in 1954, less then two years after her coronation. The queen is the monarch of 16 countries, including Australia and neighboring New Zealand.

Autumn harvest watched warily in food-poor NKorea

WONSAN, North Korea (AP)—Scythe in hand, a woman slices through a bright green field of rice. Oxen plod down country roads pulling carts piled high with harvested stalks of grain. This autumn, as farmers fan out into fields of corn, wheat, rice and cabbage, such evocative pastoral scenes—the stuff of centuries-old Dutch landscape paintings—also are a reminder of the challenges North Korea faces in feeding its people. Primitive farming techniques, a lack of arable land in a rugged, mountainous country and the suspected diversion of food to military and ruling party elites have all contributed to widespread hunger in the country's poorest areas, aid groups say.

Renowned SKorean climber missing on Nepal trek

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—A renowned South Korean climber and two of his partners have disappeared while trying to summit Mount Annapurna, official and rescuers said Thursday. Dipendra Poudel of Nepal's mountaineering department in Katmandu said rescuers have not been able to find any trace of the three South Korean climbers missing since Tuesday. Park Young-seok has climbed the world's 14 tallest mountains and reached both the north and south poles. He first climbed Annapurna in 1996. It is the 10th tallest and considered a technically difficult climb.

Gadhafi goes from 'strongman' to 'madman' in China

BEIJING (AP)—China moved to embrace Libya's new government Friday after Moammar Gadhafi's death, updating its references to the former leader in state media—from the "strongman" who defied the West to the "madman" whose time ran out.

China initially refused to support the rebels or to criticize Gadhafi, but started building ties to the insurgents as the months-long Libya conflict wore on. Jetisoning any last vestige of neutrality, China's Foreign Ministry called Friday for the rapid launch of an inclusive political process and economic reconstruction in Libya.

Meanwhile, state media outlets began referring to Gadhafi in disparaging terms not seen before. As recently as late August, Gadhafi had been portrayed in relatively complimentary terms as a "Middle Eastern strongman" who defied Western threats and pressure. On Friday, however, the Web sites of both the official Xinhua News Agency and People's Daily newspaper ran photos of him, including those of his corpse, alongside side captions describing him as insane.

"The death of Gadhafi concludes the Middle East's era of madmen," people.com.cn said, while xinhuanet.com wrote simply, "The Middle Eastern madman Gadhafi."

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu also urged national unity and the restoration of social stability in Libya, but it did not directly comment on Gadhafi's death.

"We have noted the relevant reports. At present, a new page has been turned in the history of Libya," Jiang said.

"We hope Libya will rapidly embark on an inclusive political process, maintain ethnic solidarity and national unity, swiftly establish social stability, begin economic reconstruction, and allow the people to live in peace and happiness," she said.

China abstained in the U.N. Security Council vote on whether to use force to protect civilians from Gadhafi's troops and was highly critical of the NATO air campaign that helped unseat the dictator. During the fighting, Beijing maintained contacts with Gadhafi's regime, even while gradually opening links to the rebels.

Beijing was the last member of the U.N. Security Council to formally recognize on Sept. 12 the transitional council as the ruling authority of Libya, and only after it had provided Beijing with assurances that business contracts signed under Gadhafi would continue to be honored.

China had accused NATO of overstepping its U.N. mandate, and Chinese diplomats say that strengthened Beijing's opposition to similar action against Syria's regime, which was accused of atrocities against civilian protesters.

Chinese toddler left bloody in hit-and-run dies

BEIJING (AP)—A toddler who was twice run over by vans and then ignored by passers-by on a busy market street died Friday a week after the accident and after days of bitter soul-searching over declining morality in China.

The Guangzhou Military District General Hospital said that the 2-year-old girl, Wang Yue, died shortly after midnight of brain and organ failure. "Her injuries were too severe and the treatment had no effect," intensive care unit director Su Lei told reporters.

The plight of the child, nicknamed Yueyue, came to symbolize what many Chinese see as a decay in public morals after heady decades of economic growth and rising prosperity.

Gruesome closed-circuit camera video of last Thursday's accident, aired on television and posted on the Internet, showed Yueyue toddling along the hardware market street in the southern city of Foshan. A van strikes her, slows and then resumes driving, rolling its back right wheel over the child. As she lays with blood pooling, 18 people walk or cycle by and another van strikes her before a scrap picker scoops her up.

Yueyue's death touched off another round of hand-wringing about society and personal responsibility. Many comments posted to social media sites said "we are all passers-by."

Li Xiangping, a professor of religion at Huadong University, said on a Twitter-like service that it is too easy to blame others. "What after all prompted such a sad phenomenon? Officials? The rich? Or is it our own cold-heartedness?" Li said on Sina Corp.'s Weibo.

Police have detained the drivers of both vans on suspicion of causing a traffic accident but have not said what formal charges they would face and if manslaughter would be among them now that the girl has died.

The people who could be seen on the video passing by the injured Yueyue have recounted being harassed for ignoring her. The respected Southern Metropolis Daily newspaper quoted a man it identified only as a hardware merchant Mr. Chen as saying that he had been receiving crank calls ever since someone picked him out as the 16th passer-by. He said he hadn't noticed the child.

World

With warped vision, Gadhafi maddened Libya, West

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—During nearly 42 years in power, Moammar Gadhafi ruled with an eccentric brutality. He was so mercurial he turned Libya into an isolated pariah, then an oil power courted by the West, then back again. At home, his whims became law and his visions became a warped dictatorship, until he was finally toppled by his own people.

The modern Middle East's longest-reigning figure, Libya's 69-year-old "Brother Leader" became the first ruler killed in the Arab Spring uprisings that swept the region this year.

After rebels overwhelmed the capital Tripoli and drove him into hiding in late August, Gadhafi vowed in messages to fight on until "martyrdom or victory" and to "burn Libya under the feet" of his enemies. And indeed, he met his end Thursday alongside his last heavily armed supporters, cornered by revolutionary fighters in Sirte, the fishing village where he was born and which he transformed during his rule into a virtual second capital city.

In the last images of him alive, a wounded Gadhafi staggered and shouted at fighters dragging him away after pulling him out of a drainage tunnel where he took refuge trying to flee Sirte with loyalists. His goateed face was bloodied, his head balding after the loss of the hairpiece that filled out his trademark bush of curly hair.

"What do you want? Don't kill me, my sons," Gadhafi said to the fighters as they grabbed him, one commander said.

Gadhafi leaves behind an oil-rich nation of 6 million traumatized by a rule that drained it of institutions after four decades when all issues came down to one man and his family. Notorious for his extravagant outfits—ranging from white suits and sunglasses to military uniforms with frilled epaulets to brilliantly colored robes decorated with the map of Africa—he styled himself as a combination Bedouin chief and philosopher king, with titles from "leader of the revolution" to "king of the kings of Africa."

He ruled by mad lurches. He was a sponsor of terrorism whose regime was blamed for blowing up two passenger jets and who then helped the U.S. in the war on terror. He was an Arab nationalist who mocked Arab rulers. He seemed to revel in infuriating leaders, whether in the West or the Middle East.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan branded him a "mad dog" after a 1986 bombing that killed U.S. servicemen in Berlin was blamed on Libya. Former Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who fought a border war with Libya in the 1970s, wrote in his diary that Gadhafi was "mentally sick" and "needs treatment."

Behind the flamboyance and showmanship, associates say Gadhafi was meticulous in managing the levers of power. He intervened in decisions large and small and constantly met personally with tribal leaders and military officers whose support he maintained through lucrative posts.

The sole constant was his grip on the country. Numerous coup and assassination attempts against him over the years mostly ended with public executions of the plotters, hanged in city squares.

The ultimate secret of his longevity lay in the vast oil reserves under his North African desert nation and in his capacity for drastic changes of course when necessary.

The most spectacular U-turn came in late 2003. After years of denial, Libya acknowledged responsibility—though in a Gadhafi-esque twist of logic, not guilt—for the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people. He agreed to pay up to $10 million to relatives of each victim.

He also announced that Libya would dismantle its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs under international supervision.

The rewards came fast. Within months, the U.S. lifted economic sanctions and resumed diplomatic ties. The European Union hosted Gadhafi in Brussels. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in 2008 became the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit the country in more than 50 years. Rice had a special place in the heart for Gadhafi, who in an interview once called her "my darling black African woman ... I love her very much ... Leezza, Leezza, Leezza." Tony Blair, as British prime minister, also visited him in Tripoli.

International oil companies rushed to invest in Libya's fields. Documents uncovered after Gadhafi's fall revealed close cooperation between his intelligence services and the CIA in pursuing terror suspects after the 9/11 attacks, even before the U.S. lifted its designation of Libya as a sponsor of terror in 2006.

Still, Gadhafi's renegade ways did not change. After Swiss police had the temerity to briefly arrest his son Hannibal for allegedly beating up two servants in a Geneva luxury hotel in 2008, Gadhafi's regime arrested two Swiss nationals and raked Switzerland over the coals, extracting an apology and compensation before finally releasing the men nearly two years later. European countries, eagerly building economic ties with Libya, did little to back up Switzerland in the dispute.

But Gadhafi became an instant pariah once more when he began a brutal crackdown on the February uprising in his country that grew out of the "Arab Spring" of popular revolts across the region. The U.N. authorized a no-fly zone for Libya in March, and NATO launched a campaign of airstrikes against his military forces.

"I am a fighter, a revolutionary from tents. ... I will die as a martyr at the end," he proclaimed in one of his last televised speeches during the uprising, pounding the lectern near a sculpture of a golden fist crushing a U.S. warplane.

Gadhafi was born in 1942 in the central Libyan desert near Sirte, the son of a Bedouin father who was once jailed for opposing Libya's Italian colonialists. The young Gadhafi seemed to inherit that rebellious nature, being expelled from high school for leading a demonstration, and disciplined while in the army for organizing revolutionary cells.

In 1969, as a mere 27-year-old captain, he emerged as leader of a group of officers who overthrew the monarchy of King Idris. A handsome, dashing figure in uniform and sunglasses, Gadhafi took undisputed power and became a symbol of anti-Western defiance in a Third World recently liberated from its European colonial rulers.

During the 1970s, Gadhafi proceeded to transform the nation.

A U.S. air base was closed. Some 20,000 Italians were expelled in retaliation for the 1911-41 occupation. Businesses were nationalized.

In 1975 he published the "Green Book," his political manifesto that laid out what he called the "Third International Theory" of government and society. He declared Libya to be a "Jamahiriya"—an Arabic neologism he created meaning roughly "republic of the masses."

Everyone rules, it declared, calling representative democracy a form of tyranny, and Libyans were organized into "people's committees" that went all the way up to a "People's Congress," a sort of parliament.

In the end, rule by all meant rule by none except Gadhafi, who elevated himself to colonel and declared himself "Brother Leader."

"He aspired to create an ideal state," said North African analyst Saad Djebbar of Cambridge University. "He ended up without any components of a normal state. The 'people's power' was the most useless system in the world."

In the 1970s and 1980s, Gadhafi supported groups deemed by the West to be terrorists—from the Irish Republican Army through various radical Palestinian units to militant groups in the Philippines. He embarked on a series of military adventures in Africa, invading Chad in 1980-89, and supplying arms, training and finance to rebels in Liberia, Uganda and Burkina Faso.

A 1984 incident at the Libyan Embassy in London entrenched his regime's image as a lawless one. A gunman inside the embassy opened fire on a demonstration by Gadhafi opponents outside, killing a British policewoman.

The heat was rising, meanwhile, between the Reagan administration and Gadhafi over terrorism. In 1986, Libya was found responsible for a bombing at a Berlin discotheque frequented by U.S. troops in which three people died. America struck back by sending warplanes to bomb Libya. About 40 Libyans died.

The Lockerbie bombing followed in 1988, followed a year later by a bombing that downed a French airliner over the West African nation of Niger. The West was outraged, and years of sanctions followed.

Libya's road back from pariah status began in 1999, when Gadhafi's government handed over two Libyans for trial in the Lockerbie bombing. In 2001, a Scottish court convicted one, an intelligence agent, and sentenced him to life imprisonment. The other was acquitted.

In 2002, Gadhafi looked back on his actions and told a crowd of Libyans in the southern city of Sabha: "In the old days, they called us a rogue state. They were right in accusing us of that. In the old days, we had a revolutionary behavior."

Throughout his rule, he was a showman who would stop at nothing to make his point.

His appearances at Arab League summits were an annual cause of cringing among fellow Arab rulers. At one, he argued vehemently with Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah, winning the monarch's eternal hatred. At another, Gadhafi smoked cigars on the conference hall floor during speeches to show his contempt.

In a 2009 address at the United Nations, he rambled on about jet lag, then tore up a copy of the U.N. charter, saying the Security Council "should be called the terrorism council

On state trips, he would insist on setting up a tent to stay in. He sported a personal escort of female guards—which he once explained by saying: "There are no men in the Arab world." A 2009 U.S. diplomatic cable released by the website WikiLeaks spoke of Gadhafi's intense dislike of staying on upper floors of buildings, aversion to flying over water, and taste for horse racing and flamenco dancing.

"At night, Moammar dreams; by day, he implements," Libyans would say, referring to the bizarre rules Gadhafi would randomly impose on the country, like demanding all storefront doors be painted green, the signature color of his regime. Or like complaining that Libyans were going abroad for medical treatment and deciding it was because of a lack of Libyan doctors—so he ordered Tripoli's main medical school to take 2,000 new students regardless of qualifications, well beyond its 150-student capacity.

He even renamed the months, calling the cold month of January "Ayn al-Nar," Arabic for "Where is the Fire."

In the past decade, power was increasingly concentrated with his eight biological children, who snapped up elite military posts or lucrative business positions. His British-educated son Seif al-Islam was widely seen as being groomed as a successor. There was no immediate word on his fate Thursday.

His only daughter, Aisha, became a lawyer and helped in the defense of Saddam Hussein, Iraq's toppled dictator, in the trial that led to his hanging.

Gadhafi did spend oil revenue on building schools, hospitals, irrigation and housing on a scale his Mediterranean nation had never seen.

"He did really bring Libya from being one of the most backward and poorest countries in Africa to becoming an oil-rich state with an elaborate infrastructure and with reasonable access by the Libyan population to the essential services they required," said George Joffe of Cambridge University.

Still, about a third of Libya's people remain in poverty. Gadhafi showered benefits on parts of the country, such as Tripoli. Meanwhile, eastern Libya, ultimately the source of February's rebellion, was allowed to atrophy.

At least one of his sons, Saif al-Arab, was killed during the 2011 uprising, and another, Khamis, was believed killed. Others, along with his wife Safiya, fled to neighboring Algeria or Niger. Seif al-Islam and Muatassim, who commanded one the military units involved in the crackdown on protesters, fled into hiding when Tripoli fell.

Libya's embattled leader

Called eccentric, capricious, monomaniacal, a tyrant, a pariah, Libya's Moammar Gadhafi evades easy description. Born in the desert near Sirte in 1942, he seized power from King Idris in a bloodless coup in 1969 and maintained control of the country until the current rebeiiion.

Gadhafi's reign

1970s

1970 Shuts down British, U.S. military bases in country

1972 Attempts to create pan-Arab state with Egypt and Syria

1974 Signs agreement with Tunisia to merge countries, which fails

1975 Writes about his vision of an Islamic-socialist state to be ruled by elected peoples' councils with Gadhafi in charge as a "brother leader"

1977 Renames nation the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, or state of the masses; power vested in network of people's committees

1980s

1982 U.S. bans import of Libyan oil after accusations of Libya's backing for international terrorists

1986 U.S. soldiers targeted and killed in Berlin by Libyan forces; U.S. bombs Tripoli and Benghazi, killing dozens, including Gadhafi's adopted daughter; relations between two countries cut off

1988 Suspected Libyan agents plant bomb that blows up Pan Am Flight 103 over the Scottish town of Lockerbie, killing 270 people, mostly Americans

1990s

1992 U.N. imposes sanctions on Libya over Lockerbie bombing

1996 Libyan forces kill 1,200 prisoners in the Abu Salim prison massacre after they had objected to inhumane conditions inside the prison

1999 Gadhafi hands over two Libyans charged in the Lockerbie bombing to Scottish police

2000s

2003 Libya acknowledges responsibility for the Lockerbie bombing and compensates victims' relatives; U.N. sanctions lifted; says it will dismantle its weapons of mass destruction

2005 Major U.S. oil companies resume operations in Libya for the first time since 1986

2006 U.S. and Libya resume full diplomatic ties; Libya removed from U.S.'s list of countries supporting terrorism

2009 Gadhafi makes first address to the U.N. general assembly; during speech, tears up a copy of the U.N. charter, accuses the council of being a terrorist body similar to al-Qaida

2010s

2010 Seriously ill Libyan agent who was jailed over Lockerbie bombing is freed and allowed to go home; given a hero's welcome

2011 Revolt against his authoritarian rule begins in February; forced into hiding as rebels take control of most of Tripoli

Oct. 20, 2011 Reported to have been killed after being captured in Sirte

Moammar Gadhafi, circa early 1970s

Moammar Gadhafi today

Source: Reuters, BBC, Wall Street Journal

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Young Style

No cupcakes here! Gold-medal school fights obesity

By LINDSEY TANNER
AP MEDICAL WRITER

DANVILLE, Ill. (AP)—Five-year-olds dance hip-hop to the alphabet. Third-graders learn math by twisting into geometric shapes, fifth-graders by calculating calories. And everyone goes to the gym—every day.

In the middle of America's heartland, a small public school, Northeast Elementary Magnet School, has taken on a hefty task—reversing obesity.

And it's won a gold medal for it, becoming the first elementary school in the country to receive that award from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. The Alliance was founded by the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation to reduce childhood obesity. Only two other schools have taken the gold.

ON THE NET

- Alliance for a Healthier Generation: http://www.healthiergeneration.org
- Northeast's Facebook page: http://on.fb.me/oAutYo

The cafeteria here serves fresh fruit and veggies, low-fat or no-fat milk, no sodas or fried foods and no gooey desserts. There are no sweets on kids' birthdays and food is never used as a reward. Teachers wear pedometers and parents have to sign a contract committing to the school's healthy approach.

Northeast Elementary is not in some posh, progressive suburb. It's in Danville, Ill., an economically struggling city of 30,000 in farm country some 150 miles south of Chicago. But teachers, parents and students have embraced the rigorous curriculum and kids even call it "fun."

From the outside, it's a drab 50's-era yellow brick building in a blue-collar neighborhood of modest frame homes, a few blocks from a homeless shelter and a Salvation Army donation center. Inside, it's a cheerful oasis for almost 300 kids and has caught the attention of some of the nation's biggest obesity-fighting advocates.

Former President Bill Clinton says the steps Northeast has taken are an exemplary way to tackle "a terrible public health problem."

"We will never change it by telling people how bad it is. We've got to show people how good it can be," Clinton said, paraphrasing a colleague at the Alliance's June awards ceremony in Little Rock, Ark.

Northeast's strict, no-goodies program might sound extreme, but students seem to have bought it.

During a recent nutrition lesson, first-graders sat raptly on the hallway floor as a teacher read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," a classic kids' story about a caterpillar that can't seem to stop eating—all kinds of fruit at first. But when the bug moved on to chocolate cake and ice cream, the youngsters gasped and said in hushed tones, "junk food," as if it were poison.

"We're a healthy school," says 10-year-old Naomi Woods, a shy, slim fifth-grader. "We're not allowed to eat junk food or stuff like that."

Sandy-haired Timothy Mills, a fourth-grader, says the focus "just keeps us more fit, plus we have a lot more fun."

Like Mills, an earnest, heavy-set 9-year-old, Northeast kids aren't all skinny. Even some kindergartners are clearly overweight. But they still jump enthusiastically to the alphabet song, and though chubbier kids struggle to run around the football field during gym class, there doesn't seem to be much grumbling.

Physical education teacher Becky Burgoyne said it's sometimes tough to get kids of "all different shapes and sizes" to be physically active.

"I just ask that students do their best and improve on what they can already do," Burgoyne said.

Some schools "may have physical education twice a week, once a week, and that's not acceptable. Children need to move," she said. "To have a healthy body is to have a healthy brain and therefore they become better at reading and math and science. It all works together."

The students mostly mirror Danville and surrounding Vermilion County—generally poorer, less healthy than the state average, with many families struggling with obesity and related problems.

The percentage of overweight kids at Northeast increased in 2009, the program's third year, but dropped slightly last year, to 32 percent; 17 percent are obese. Those are similar to national figures, Principal Cheryl McIntire said. With only three years of data, it's too soon to call the slight dip in the percentage of overweight children a trend. But she considers it a promising sign, and there's no question that the children are learning healthy habits.

In a recent math class, fifth grade teacher Lisa Unzicker explained how food labels can be misleading by listing only calories per serving, not per container. Pointing to an image of a pretzel bag label projected on a screen at the front of the classroom, she taught students to figure out how many calories are in a whole bag, based on the amount in each serving.

AP

In this Sept. 20, 2011 photo, Naomi Woods, left, eats lunch with her classmates at Northeast Elementary Magnet, in Danville, Ill. The curriculum at the public school is focused on health and wellness, and families have to sign a contract agreeing to abide by that. School lunches are low-fat or no-fat, with fresh fruit or veggies every day, and no dessert.

You have to be careful about potato chips and candy bars, she told the class. "This is why it pays to be a very conscious consumer."

Teachers and parents credit McIntire for the school's success. The principal joined Northeast in 2008, a year after the staff moved to adopt the healthy focus, and has made it her mission to instill that mantra.

McIntire literally "walks the walk." When students need a talking-to, she walks to their classrooms and escorts them to and from her office rather than just messaging for them. When it's her turn for recess duty, she walks with her pedometer around the school's big field instead of standing on the sidelines. She recalls a student recently calling out, "Hey, Mrs. McIntire, are you doing your steps?"

McIntire is closely involved with choosing school menus and secured money from the state and local school district that have paid for fresh produce, including things like kiwi fruit that many children have never seen before.

A recent lunch menu featured whole-grain, reduced-fat cheese pizza, broccoli and cauliflower buds, sweet corn, chilled pears, low-fat pudding, and 1 percent low-fat milk.

McIntire has changed her own eating habits, giving up potato chips and shedding 15 pounds since last year.

Tall, slender and a youthful 56, McIntire guides Northeast with a firm but loving hand. She greets students by name each morning, helps with untied shoelaces, and offers hugs. And she scolds kids who have messy uniforms or are rude to their classmates.

School hallways feature signs about good food choices and being healthy, and a poster about the Alliance's gold award is prominently displayed near the school office.

The Alliance established a Healthy Schools' program in 2006, with funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. It helps schools that want to become healthier and meet alliance criteria for winning medals. More than 500 schools have won bronze and silver awards. Those gold medals are tougher to come by. Memorial High School in West New York, N.J., was the first school in the country ever to win a gold. Last year, Northeast became the first elementary school to do that. Rio Hondo Elementary in suburban Los Angeles is the latest to win it.

Ginny Ehrlich, chief executive officer for the Alliance for a Healthier Generation says of Northeast, "They truly stand out." The school has done a remarkable job of making "healthy eating and activity the norm."

Since Northeast is a magnet school, students have to apply to attend, although they don't need to test in. Besides committing to the healthy mindset, parents must volunteer 26 hours at the school each year.

"There certainly are people who are much more invested than others, but we have gotten so much positive feedback from parents," McIntire said.

In her first year, McIntire recruited students by posting advertisements in the local newspaper. "I don't need to do that anymore," she said. For the current school year, there were more than 80 applications for 48 kindergarten slots.

Death & Funeral Announcement

Francisco Songao Toves III

Lovingly known as "Fbaby/Ko"

December 02, 1992 – October 16, 2011

Was called by our Heavenly Father at a starting point of his life at the young age of 18 on October 16, 2011 at Rota Health Center

Pre-deceased By:
Maternal Grandfather: *Prudencio Songao Hocog*
Maternal Aunt: *Linda Ogo Hocog*
Paternal Uncle: *Francisco Songao Toves Jr.*

His memories will live forever in the hearts of his
Parents: *Gary Manglona & Ann Marie Hocog Toves*
Brothers: *Albert/Lynette (Landon), Gary Jr.*
Sisters: *Julie Ann/Hernis (Franklin), Kelvilyn, Garrie Ann*
Reared Brothers: *Kroy A. Ogo; Manases M. Manglona Jr.; Blaine Sn. Mesngon; Timothy Barcinas; Vincent M. Mendiola*

Maternal grandmother: *Ana Ogo Hocog*

Paternal Grandparents: *Francisco Songao/Juliana Manglona Toves*

Maternal Aunts/Uncles: *Robert/Rosario Hocog; Edwin/Elaine Orilla; Edwin/Milagro Hocog; Candida Hocog; George/Lucy Hocog; Fred/Emmylou Hocog; Vivian/Danny Atalig; Barbara/Joel Charfauros; Evelyn/Leeroy Atalig; Anicia/Pedring Olpindo;Nina/Manny Flores; Kelvin/Edwina Hocog; Melissa Hocog; Meriden Hocog; Risa Mea Hocog*

Paternal Aunts/Uncles: *Dorothy/Rally Rasie, Donna/Vincent Hocog, Marissa/Arvin Deleon Guerrero, Memory Toves, Chris/Maryann Toves*

Godparents:
(Baptismal) Joseph/Leslie Barcinas; David/Bella Santos; Thomas A. Manglona; Rose Quitugua
(Confirmation) Fidel T. Manglona Jr.

Special Friend: *Jeannida M. Ogo*

And numerous Aunts/Uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, & friends

Daily mass is said at 6:00 am except for Wednesday mass will be said at 6:00 pm in the evening @ San Francisco De Borja Church, and @ San Isidro Church mass will be said on 7:00 pm , except on Sunday mass will be said @ 8:00 am. Rosary is being said daily @ 12 noon @ their residence in Annex F Village, Rota & @ 7:00 pm @ San Francisco De Borja Church.

On Tuesday, October 25th, 2011, his remains will be escorted from Divine Mercy Chapel @7:00 to 8:00am to their residence in Annex F for private family viewing and at 8:30 am to 10:30 am final viewing will be at San Francisco De Borja Church, mass will be said @ 10:30 am, Interment will follow at San Jose Cemetery where we will bid him his final farewell.

Your thought & prayers will always be remembered in our hearts.

Gary/Ann Toves, children & Family

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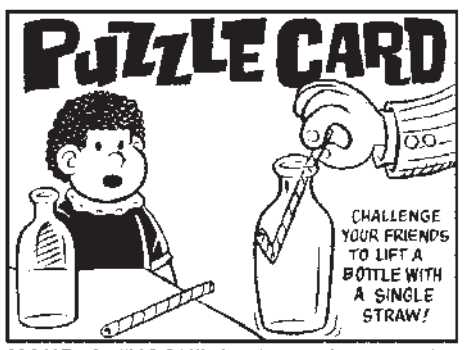

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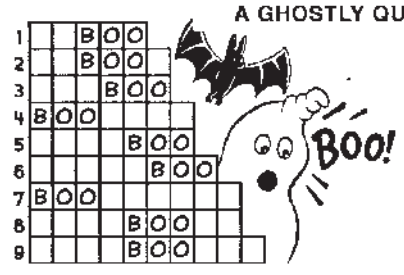
MAKE A "HOOK" in the soda straw by bending it at one end. When you push it into the bottle, it will wedge itself in place, and you will be able to lift the bottle easily.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A GHOSTLY QUIZ!



Illustrated by David Coulson

Don't let these words scare you. The grid to the left has room for nine words, and they all contain the word "boo." We also give you plenty of hints to help you fill in the missing letters.

1. A forbidden subject.
2. A boorish person (sl.).
3. Very long grass.
4. A small, bound pamphlet.
5. A recurring problem that's hard to fix.
6. A young child's game.
7. Rural, backwoods country.
8. A Western jail.
9. Another name for a pirate.

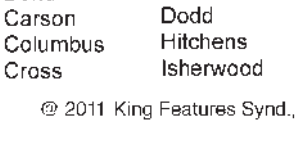
Answers:
1. Taboo. 2. Baboon. 3. Bamboo.
4. Booklet. 5. Bugaboo. 6. Peekaboo.
7. Boondocks. 8. Calaboose.
9. Freebooter.

THE DOMINO EFFECT! Dump a box of dominoes on the table and tell your friends to lay them out, as they would in a game, while your back is turned. Then, without looking, tell them what two numbers are at each end of the line. What's the secret?

Answer: Secretly pocket one of the dominoes before dumping them on the table. The two numbers on this piece are the same as those on the ends of the line of dominoes.

THE "I" PYRAMID! As you move down the word pyramid shown here, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the I's. Here are some hints from the top down.

1. Symbol for iodine (given).
2. Main player in a game of tag.
3. Equal number of votes.
4. To prepare for publication
5. Exhausted, fatigued.
6. How a wedding cake is built.
7. Joined metal sheets.
8. Turned upside down.



Answers: I, it, tie, edit, tired, (tered, (evered, invented.

Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

■ It was 20th-century Canadian-American economist John Kenneth Galbraith who made the following sage observation: "Faced with the choice between changing one's mind and proving that there is no need to do so, almost everyone gets busy on the proof."

■ The original jack-o'-lanterns were turnips, not pumpkins. The custom began in Ireland, where residents hollowed out and carved faces into large turnips for the Celtic harvest festival of Samhain. The turnips, placed on windowsills, were believed to ward off evil spirits. In Scotland, young men would dress in white and blacken their faces in an imitation of the dead.

■ Peter the Great was known during his reign in the late 17th and early 18th centuries as "Emperor and Autocrat of All the Russias." In order to raise money, he taxed just about anything he could think of, including births, burials, chimneys and even beards.

■ By law, if you are planning to build in Washington, D.C., the edifice must be no taller than the Capitol building.

■ You probably know that physicist Albert Einstein was awarded the Nobel Prize. You might not realize, however, that the prize was for his work on the photoelectric effect of light, not for his more famous theory of relativity.

■ If you are like the average American woman, you will spend a grand total of 60 days of your life in the practice of removing body hair.

■ In 2010, the record for the world's largest pumpkin was broken. The Atlantic giant pumpkin, grown by Chris Stevens of New Richmond, Wisc., weighed in at the Stillwater Harvest Fest at a whopping 1,810.5 pounds.

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Thought for the Day: "You must learn from the mistakes of others. You can't possibly live long enough to make them all yourself."—Sam Levenson

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MAGIC MAZE ● CHRISTOPHER —

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Bond	Cuomo	Lee	Robin
Carson	Dodd	Lloyd	Walken
Columbus	Hitchens	Marlowe	Wren
Cross	Isherwood	Plummer	

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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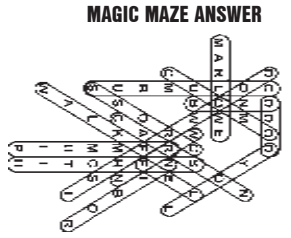

GO FIGURE ANSWER

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Keep pets safe this Halloween

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Last Halloween, our dog "Valiant" ran into the room as my kids were tearing into their trick-or-treat candy and ate several wrappers and a couple of pieces of chocolate. We had to rush him to the emergency pet hospital in another town. Fortunately, he only had to stay overnight for observation and he passed the wrappers without incident, but the veterinary assistant said that they see incidents like this every year at Halloween.

Please remind your readers not to let their pets near all the goodies being handed out, as they're not healthy (and can even be poisonous) and they could ingest dangerous items like candy wrappers.—Beth in Madison, Wisc.

DEAR BETH: Thank you for the reminder! Halloween is a fun holiday for kids and families, but it can be a dangerous time for your pets if precautions aren't taken.

■ Keep candy bowls and treats on a high counter or shelf where pets can't reach.

■ Monitor your pets at all times as trick-or-treaters wander the neighborhood so they don't ingest anything harmful, and to keep approaching children safe.

■ If you're having a Halloween party or if your pet is very excitable, confine it to a quiet room or kennel cage with food, toys and a blanket or cushion until the festivities are over. Check in periodically.

■ If you see or suspect your pet has ingested chocolate, wrappers or any other dangerous item, contact the veterinarian or emergency pet clinic immediately.

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Send your questions or comments to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. For more pet care-related advice and information, visit www.pawscorner.com.

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Stir up gooey goop for Halloween fun

Kids everywhere love just about anything that's gooey, slithery and slimy. That's probably why this recipe for "gooey goop" is such a crowd pleaser when you get together with friends, especially at a Halloween party. It's quick, easy and creates lots of laughter. What could be better?

Here's the stuff you'll need:

8 ounce bottle of white household glue such as Elmer's
8 ounces water
Poster paint or food coloring (optional)
Small mixing bowl
Large mixing bowl
1 cup warm water
1 1/2 teaspoons borax powder (available in the laundry detergent section of larger supermarkets)

Here's the fun:

1. Squeeze the entire bottle of glue into a big bowl. Then fill the empty 8-ounce glue bottle with water and add to the glue. Stir a lot while adding several drops of poster paint or food coloring. Mix colors, use just one, or don't add any color at all and leave it white. We usually make our batches purple.

2. In the smaller bowl, stir together the cup of warm water and borax powder until almost dissolved. Don't worry if you can't get all of the little clumps to disappear completely.

3. Gather your family or friends together for this step! Slowly, and stirring constantly, pour the borax mixture into the glue mixture. Swirl the results with your hands and in seconds goop will form into gooey globs as it oozes from your slippery grasp. Pick it up, knead it, squeeze it and enjoy playing with it.

Note: Please keep the gooey goop away from carpets and upholstered furniture. If it gets on your clothing, wash it out quickly with soap and water.

Extra idea: While you are making the recipe, make up other names for the concoction. How about "Sublime Slime," "Slithery Concoction" or "Ectoplasmic Ick"?

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Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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Life & Style

Lohan late to Day 1 of community service

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lindsay Lohan arrived late to her first day of community service at the county morgue Thursday and was turned away, another hiccup in the actress' effort to prove to a judge that she is complying with terms of her probation.

Lohan had been told to arrive at 8 a.m. for an orientation session but arrived 40 minutes late, spokesman Craig Harvey said. The actress was told to try again on Friday but will have to arrive at 7 a.m., he said.

Steve Honig, Lohan's spokesman, said in a statement that the actress was late because she didn't know which entrance to report to and "and confusion caused by the media waiting for her arrival."

Lohan apologized later Thursday on Twitter. "I'm sorry for the confusion that I may of caused to those at the Coroner's office. Won't happen again, now I know where to go!" Lohan tweeted.

"With all the stress and pressure from yesterday and today, I've never been so happy to go to therapy!!!!" she also tweeted.

The "Mean Girls" star's tardy arrival at the morgue came a day after she was scolded by a judge for being terminated from a community service assignment at a women's shelter. The hearing ended with Lohan's probation being revoked and her being led from court in handcuffs.

She later posted $100,000 bail and was released.

AP

Lindsay Lohan is shown in court before being taken into custody by Los Angeles Country sheriffs deputies after a judge found her in violation of probation Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, in Los Angeles.

She remains on probation for a pair of drunken driving arrests in 2007 and a misdemeanor theft case filed earlier this year after she was accused of taking a $2,500 necklace without permission. She pleaded no contest in that theft case.

Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner ordered Lohan to complete 16 hours of work at the morgue before a Nov. 2 hearing. The judge will determine whether Lohan violated the terms of her probation by being terminated from the Downtown Women's Center after being late several times and not showing up for her service.

The actress had done community service in recent days with the American Red Cross, but Sautner said Lohan would not get credit for that work as part of her court case.

A probation officer noted in a report filed Wednesday that Lohan told her that the work at the shelter was "not fulfilling."

Lohan will be doing mostly janitorial work at the morgue, Harvey said. Her duties will include cleaning and stocking restrooms, mopping floors and washing sheets that the facility uses, he said.

The actress will have to surrender her cellphone while working at the morgue and will have to bring her own lunch, Harvey said.

Expert: Jackson didn't give himself propofol

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Michael Jackson was so heavily drugged in the hours before his death that he would have been incapable of self-administering the massive dose of propofol that killed him, a medical expert testified Thursday at the trial of Jackson's doctor.

Dr. Steven Shafer, who presented a number of possible scenarios for Jackson's overdose, said one posed by Dr. Conrad Murray's defense—that the star gave himself the powerful anesthetic—is "crazy."

"He can't give himself an injection if he's asleep," Shafer told jurors.

The more likely scenario was that Murray placed Jackson on an IV propofol drip on the morning of his death then left the room as the singer slept, Shafer said.

Jackson probably stopped breathing before Murray returned, and the singer's lungs emptied while the propofol kept flowing into his body, even after he was dead, the witness said.

"This fits all of the data in this case and I am not aware of a single piece of data that is inconsistent with this explanation," Shafer said.

He suggested Murray infused Jackson with the full contents of a 100 milliliter bottle of the drug with a flow that was regulated only by gravity because the doctor lacked dose regulating equipment. Murray claimed he gave Jackson only 25 milligrams over a period of three to five minutes.

Jurors stood up to get a better view as Shafer used an IV pole and apparatus for a courtroom demonstration. He dribbled the drug into a trash can so they could see how it moved through the tubing.

New book chronicles Madoff son's demise

NEW YORK (AP)—The son of disgraced financier Bernard Madoff swallowed a batch of sleeping pills in a failed suicide attempt 14 months before he killed himself on the second anniversary of his father's arrest in the biggest financial fraud in American history, according to a new book by his widow.

"The End of Normal: A Wife's Anguish, A Widow's New Life" gives an intimate account of Mark Madoff's two years of torment over the infamous swindle that wiped out thousands of his investors and—by his wife's account—left him a man broken beyond repair. The book vilifies her father-in-law "Bernie" while calling her husband an innocent bystander and "hero" for turning him in.

Madoff

"There are people who never knew Mark Madoff, yet who gleefully point to his suicide as proof that he must have known of or participated in his father's epic crime," Stephanie Madoff Mack writes in the book that went on sale Thursday. "Nothing could be further from the truth. His death was proof of his pain."

Stephanie Madoff says she took the name Mack to try to deflect fallout from the scandal.

"I wish I could have changed my birthday as well," she writes. "I share the date with Bernie."

Elsewhere in the book, she writes, "I hated Bernie thoroughly and deeply from the instant Mark told me what he had done."

The elder Madoff, 73, was arrested on Dec. 11, 2008—the morning after his two sons notified authorities through an attorney that he had confessed to them that his investment business was a multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme. The following year, he pleaded guilty to securities fraud and other charges and was given a 150-year prison term.

The former Nasdaq chairman has always insisted that his family was in the dark, and Mark Madoff, his brother and uncle—all executives for a broker-dealer operating under the same roof as the crooked private investment firm—have never been charged. But they have come under intense scrutiny by the FBI and by a bank-appointed trustee seeking to recover funds for burned clients.

Before his death, Mark Madoff became increasingly isolated and obsessive about news coverage of the runaway scandal, his wife says. Two weeks after watching a "60 Minutes" segment on the case, he briefly vanished.

He surfaced in a fog at home several hours later. She says he told her he had just woken up after taking 30 sleeping pills inside a hotel room where he left a suicide note reading: "Bernie: Now you know how you have destroyed the lives of your sons by your life of deceit."

When Madoff appeared to stabilize after a hospital stay, she decided to take their daughter to Disney World, she writes. He stayed at home to care for their young son Nick in their Manhattan apartment.

Once away, the couple stayed in touch with a series of texts included in the book. She panicked when she read one with the subject line "Help" and the message, "Please send someone to take care of Nick."

Her stepfather discovered the body hanging from a dog leash the victim had fashioned into a noose.

Giffords to read part of her upcoming audio book

PHOENIX (AP)—Rep. Gabrielle Giffords will read aloud in the audio edition of her upcoming book, allowing many people to hear for themselves for the first time how she is recovering.

A spokesman for the Arizona congresswoman confirmed Thursday that Giffords will read the final chapter of the memoir she wrote with her husband, Mark Kelly.

Spokesman Mark Kimble says Giffords has completed the recording of that chapter.

Since she was shot in the head Jan. 8 at an event outside Tucson, Giffords has appeared in public only a few times. She has spoken only with friends, family and at small gatherings.

Scribner is publishing the memoir, called "Gabby: A Story of Courage and Hope." It says the book details the couple's marriage, Giffords' political career, Kelly's career as an astronaut, and their experiences stemming from the shooting.

The book is scheduled for release Nov. 15.

The couple is living in Houston, where Giffords continues therapy at TIRR Memorial Hermann hospital.

Uncle needling niece deserves a taste of his own medicine

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my early 20s. I have an uncle in his late 30s who keeps asking me invasive questions about my relationship status. Every time I see "Uncle Roger" at family gatherings he asks if I have a boyfriend yet, why I'm not seeing anyone or what I'm doing single. He assumes it's because I don't want to put up with the boyfriend drama.

Uncle Roger makes me feel bad about not being interested in a relationship or dating at the moment. I have told him to back off, without success. He just laughs it off and then the questions continue. Yet, this man has never been in any stable relationship himself.

Is there something wrong with me because I haven't met the right person? Am I supposed to force relationships to happen? What can I say to Uncle Roger to make him stop?

BEYOND ANNOYED IN OAKLAND, CALIF.

DEAR BEYOND ANNOYED: Uncle Roger may think he's being funny by relentlessly asking why you're not involved with anyone. Because you have asked him to stop and he presses on, you have two choices: Avoid and ignore him, or turn the tables.

When he asks you about your love life, instead of becoming defensive, answer his question with a question: "Why aren't YOU involved with anyone, Uncle Roger? Why are you still single at your age? Can't you find anyone who'll say yes?" And be sure to laugh right back at him. As long as you let him know he's getting to you, he will continue. Sometimes the best defense is a strong offense.

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DEAR ABBY: My dad died recently. He and Mom were married 60 years. Apparently, Mom hid her anger at him well, because she now says she couldn't stand him.

None of us kids can bring up any stories or memories about Dad because Mom will say things like, "He was a narcissist," or "He was no fun," etc. We remember him as a great provider and a decent, beloved person.

Do you have any suggestions on how we can approach the subject with my mother? It's so hurtful that we can't talk about our father anymore now that she feels "free" and happy.

MISSING OUR DAD

DEAR MISSING: Yes. Tell your mother that you and your siblings prefer to remember your father as the decent, beloved, great provider he was to all of you. Tell her that you're glad she's "free" and "happy," but the comments she's making are unwelcome. And if she continues to make them, walk away or share your loving memories of your father when she's not present.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 27-year-old single woman. I have been hanging out with a guy ("Connor") for a few months. I enjoy his company, but I don't have more than platonic feelings for him.

I'm reading a book that says women my age are too picky and need to compromise. My question is, how long should I wait until I feel something more or that compromising just won't work with this one?

Am I too picky or do I need to realize I won't be feeling anything more?

SINGLE AND CONFUSED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR CONFUSED: If you have nothing more than platonic feelings for Connor after seeing him for a few months, those feelings are not likely to change because the chemistry just isn't there. What you need to do is be more selective about the authors whose books you choose, because someone who would advise women sight unseen that they're "too picky" is speaking in dangerous generalities. Caveat emptor.

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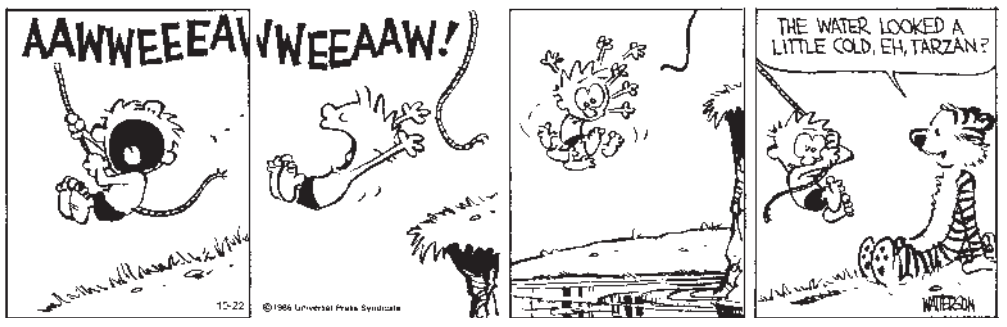
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 "30 days —..."
5 American Beauty, e.g.
9 Magazine revenue source
12 One of HOMES
13 Sea eagle
14 Witness
15 Stagger
16 Chime
17 Bitten by a bug?
18 Ganges garment
19 Prune
20 Homeless child
21 "Bourne Identity" org.
23 Blond shade
25 Group of termites
28 Formosa's alias
32 Lashes
33 Talk on and on
34 "The Producers" star
36 Made from clay
37 Schedule abbr.
38 Turn on the waterworks
39 — -friendly
42 Joke
44 Prejudice
48 Spacecraft compartment
49 Session with a shrink
50 Between assignments
51 Rhyming tribute
52 Greek vowel
53 Harvest
54 Tandoor-baked bread
55 Winter forecast
56 Pub missile

DOWN
1 Like one of the towels?
2 Vicinity
3 Layer
4 Chopper
5 Football telecast feature
6 Sandwich treat
7 Answer angrily
8 Conger, e.g.
9 Largest of the seven
10 Hero's home?
11 Ego
20 Chopper
22 Smaller map
24 Tastiness
25 Welsh valley
26 Discoverer's call
27 Fleur-de- —
29 Bankroll
30 Noshed
31 Actor Beatty
35 Shallow pond
36 Dr. Phil or Quick Draw
39 Fairy tale preposition
40 Pop
41 Paradise
43 Car
45 Concept
46 Banned apple spray
47 Calendar abbr.
49 Like the other towel?

Solution time: 27 mins.

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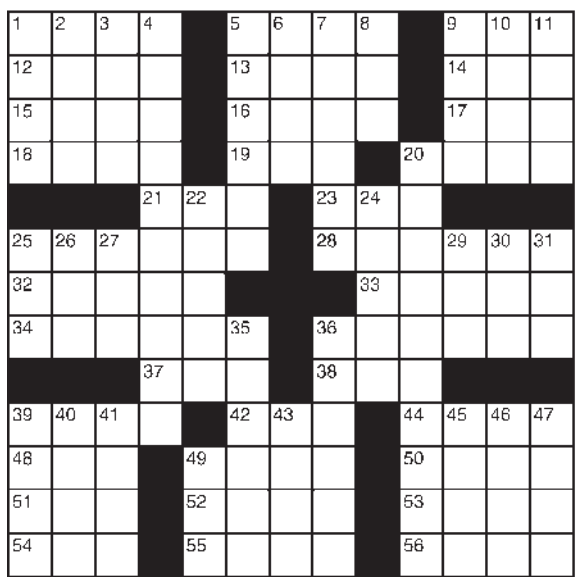
Yesterday's answer 10-22



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Zac Hanson, 26; Jesse Tyler Ferguson, 36; Jeff Goldblum, 59; Catherine Deneuve, 68.

Happy Birthday: Consequences will be dependent on how you handle each matter you face. Reserved and practical action will win favors; overreacting and impetuous decisions will lead to disaster. Think, before it's too late to reverse your position. Play the game aboveboard and without malice. Your numbers are 5, 13, 19, 21, 27, 34, 41.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Check out job opportunities. Update your resume, take on a part-time job or start a small business. Put your energy to good use and network with people who may be interested in something you have to offer. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Have an open mind and you will gather information that will help you out in a social situation. Good fortune will come your way if you help the needy. A partnership will suffer if you argue. It's best to make peace, not war. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Put your time, effort and energy into your home, assets and finances. Too much idle time will result in emotional problems caused by deception. Money is heading your way. Expect to win something or receive a gift of some sort. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Present, promote and establish what it is you want to get in return. Love and romance are highlighted, and time spent with someone special will enhance your relationship. Don't give in to someone trying to dump additional responsibilities on you. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Pace your every move so that you are sure the outcome will be in your favor. Emotions will fester if you don't get your way. Using emotional blackmail will backfire. Aggressive behavior will not be forgiven or forgotten. Don't meddle or gossip. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Take care of personal paperwork that has been left undone. Do research or attend a seminar that will define what action you need to take in order to get ahead. Plan to spend the evening hours with someone you love. Stick close to home. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Help others and it will spark an idea that will bring in extra cash. Getting together with old friends, attending a reunion or visiting places you used to frequent will bring back memories and the desire to resurrect something you used to enjoy doing. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't let what others do or say get to you. Showing anger will put you in an awkward position that may affect your reputation. Assess your situation and take care of anything unsatisfactory with diplomacy. You'll be judged by your actions. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Get out, have fun and explore new avenues, but don't take risks that can end in personal injury. Your adventuresome nature will get you in over your head. Exercise restraint and common sense before you let the daredevil in you take over. ✪✪✪✪✪

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Good fortune will come to you if you put time and effort into your home, family and assets. You can buy, sell or make a move that will enhance your life and ease your stress. A job opportunity must be considered. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You will be misinterpreted if you are too vocal about the way you think or how you feel. Discipline will be required when it comes to setting a budget and sticking to it. Being honest with yourself will help you make better choices. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Go over contracts or other paperwork that needs updating. A partnership can be improved if you share the trials and tribulations, as well as your successes. Tend to the little aggravations now and you will avoid dealing with big issues later. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You draw attention. You are possessive, intense and passionate.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/22

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

1	6	5	3	2	7	8	4	9
8	9	7	4	1	6	3	5	2
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3	1	2	8	5	9	7	6	4
9	5	8	7	6	4	1	2	3

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/21

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

THE OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY **Solution: 10 letters**

S	P	D	P	C	Q	L	R	A	M	M	A	R	G	O
G	E	H	O	U	A	U	E	H	D	L	O	B	N	S
H	N	M	R	R	N	C	O	A	Y	T	T	L	M	L
E	M	I	U	A	I	C	N	T	I	M	I	X	R	O
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D	P	A	A	A	O	E	E	U	E	T	V	N	T	T
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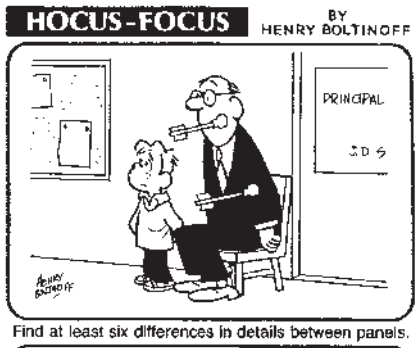
Yesterday's Answer: Marines

Reader THE OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY Words: 43, 54, 2-s, 3-s, 4-s, 5-s, 6-s, 7-s, 8-s, 9-s, 10-s, 11-s, 12-s, 13-s, 14-s, 15-s, 16-s, 17-s, 18-s, 19-s, 20-s, 21-s, 22-s, 23-s, 24-s, 25-s, 26-s, 27-s, 28-s, 29-s, 30-s, 31-s, 32-s, 33-s, 34-s, 35-s, 36-s, 37-s, 38-s, 39-s, 40-s, 41-s,

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Differences: 1.Letters missing from window. 2. Arrow is gone. 3. Third notice on bulletin board. 4. Writing added to letter. 5. Shoes are black. 6. Shirt has short sleeves.

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D	A	O	A	N	B	L	S	A	E	Y	E	W
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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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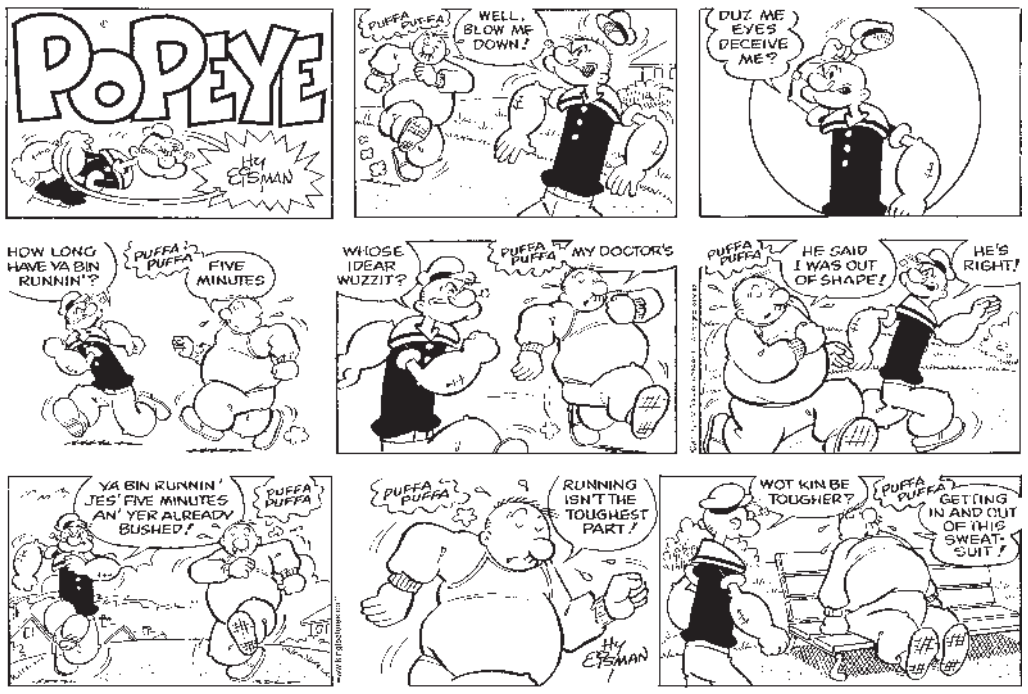
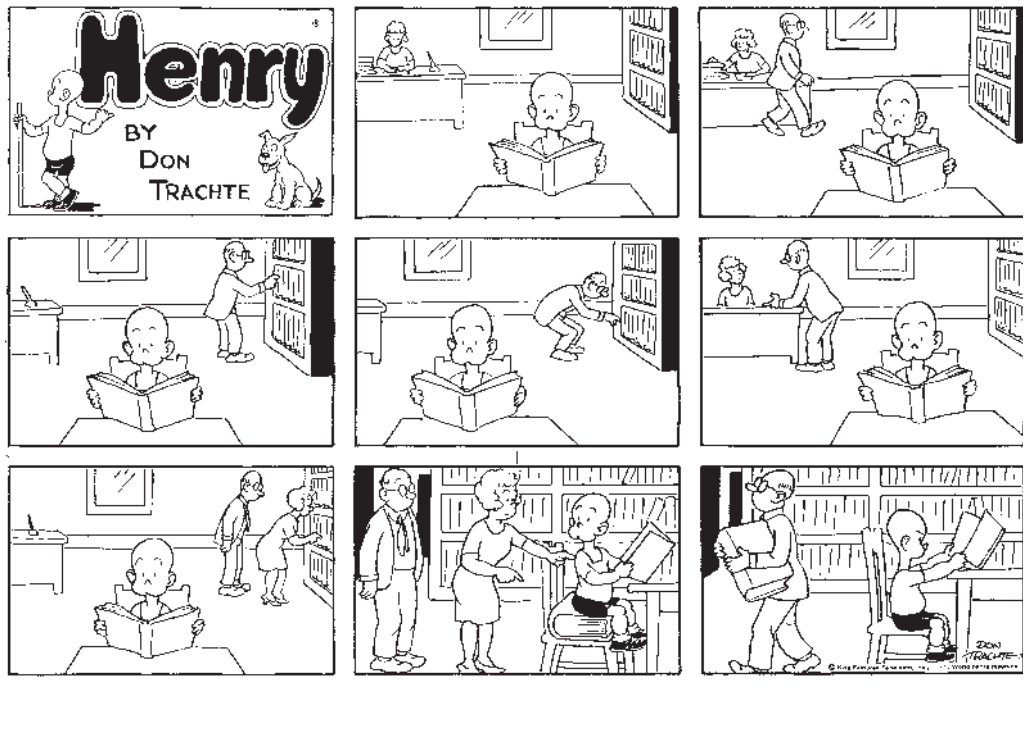


They'll Do It Every Time — by Al Scaduto

SAY AGAIN— EXCUSE #1,753
YOU SAID YOU QUIT SMOKING! YOU SMELL LIKE A TOBACCO FACTORY CHIMNEY! WELL-L-L...
UH-ER--B-BARFO DROVE ME HOME FROM THE OFFICE--U-UH---HE SMOKES WITH THE WINDOWS CLOSED--- S-S-S'HELP ME--ER..
UH-OH! I'M OUTTA HERE!
Thank I. BARONSKY, to PHOENIX, ARIZ.
WHYiZZIT? NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU'VE ASKED WINNIE THE WAITRESS FOR BLACK COFFEE--BLACK! YOU'LL ALWAYS GET THOSE LITTLE CONTAINERS OF MILK--- RIGHT? EVER HAPPEN TO YOU? NEED WE ASK?
MAYBE I SHOULDA ASKED FOR A GLASS OF MILK INSTEAD--
Thank to JOANIE AT THE DINER, BRONX N.Y.
PESTS WE CAN DO WITHOUT— THE LOUD-MOUTH NICKNAME CALLER, THAT IS...
HI-YA, BEANBELLY! JUST DROPPED IN TO SAY HELLO--BET THE GANG HERE DIDN'T KNOW WE CALLED YOU BEANBELLY WHEN YOU WUZ A KID... HAH-HAH-HAH....
WHAP-P--
M. KAVANAUGH, SEATTLE, WA.



Super Crossword

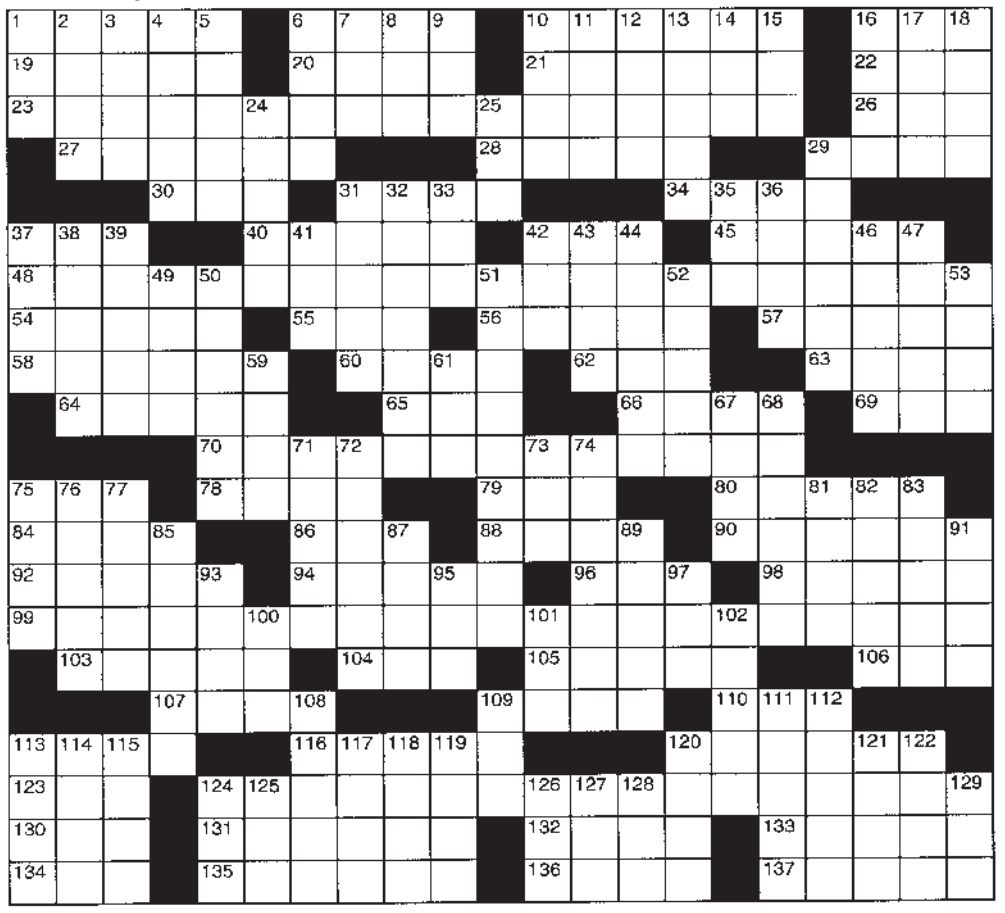
TAG-SALE LINES

ACROSS

1 Act like a peacock
6 Had kittens?
10 Played the trumpet
16 Holbrook or Linden
19 Stadium
20 Marathon
21 Not very often
22 Geologic division
23 "REQUIRES MINOR REPAIR"
26 Free (of)
27 Touched up the text
28 Range rope
29 Brawl
30 Bear's lair
31 Singer Tori
34 Opinion sampling
37 Latvia, once: abbr.
40 Lucifer
42 Recede
45 Alex Haley book
48 "ONLY WORN ONCE"
54 Schnabel or Rubinstein
55 Up to, for short
56 Private
57 Opera hero, often
58 Illinois city
60 Mindy of "The Facts of Life"
62 "— Believer" ('66 hit)
63 Sens.' colleagues
64 Refuse
65 — Cob, CT
66 Kett of the comics
69 Observe
70 "ONE OF A KIND"
75 Numbers man?
78 Actress Ward
79 Spoil
80 Particles
84 Coarse file
86 Auto feature: abbr.
88 What have you
90 Secluded
92 Salad type
94 "Psycho" setting
96 Opening
98 Annoyed
99 "A FAMILY HEIR-LOOM"
103 Musical of "Tomorrow"
104 Mineral spring
105 Bestow
106 Trigger-happy guy?
107 Notion
109 Clutter
110 Urban transport
113 Nutritional need
116 Fashionably nostalgic
120 Ready for dinner
123 Poetic preposition
124 "AN ANTIQUE TREAS-URE"
130 '75 Abba hit
131 Olympian Gertrude
132 "The Seventh —" ('56 film)
133 Tennis player Richards
134 Big bang letters
135 Keys
136 Moon Mullins' brother
137 Imitation

DOWN

1 — Mateo, CA
2 Sherwood sight
3 Stalk
4 Brought to ruin
5 Sample the sauce
6 Actor Pitt
7 British dominion
8 Author Umberto
9 Augsburg article
10 Kind of cheese
11 Zhivago's love
12 Smell — (be suspicious)
13 Summarize
14 Architect's add-on
15 Salon supply
16 "Mein —" ("Cabaret" tune)
17 Sutherland solo
18 Tramp's tootsie
24 The Brainy Bunch?
25 "— Doubtfire" ('93 film)
29 Skunk in "Bambi"
31 Tall story?
32 Andy Griffith series
33 Yoko —
35 Supper scrap
36 Mississippi senator
37 Exchange
38 Start the slaw
39 Helicopter part
41 Tiny colonist
42 Browning's bedtime?
43 Iran's Abolhassan — -Sadr
44 German port
46 Prongs
47 Optical device
49 Hispanic money
50 Watch keepers?
51 In an engaging manner
52 Wrathful
53 Celtic
59 Tennis legend
61 Barnyard critter
67 Dictator
68 Fall blooms
71 Texas landmark
72 Powerful people
73 Pablum variety
74 Mythical monsters
75 Gullet
76 Turkish title
77 Clinton Cabinet member
81 Exclude
82 Drilling site?
83 Pool person
85 Down-to-earth affair?
87 Command at a corner
89 Praises
91 Guitarist Duane
93 Scolded
95 Author LeShan
97 Arafat's grp.
100 Born
101 Middling mark
102 Nerd
108 Soviet cooperative
109 Trim the turf
111 Genie Francis role
112 — throat
113 Enthusiasm
114 Rock's — Butterfly
115 Heron's home
117 Thornfield governess
118 Slope
119 AAA offerings
120 Normandy site
121 Mozart's "— kleine Nachtmusik"
122 Forest beauty
124 I.M. the architect
125 Drivers' lics., e.g.
126 Say please
127 Poseidon's domain
128 Aye opponent
129 Actress Susan



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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. RELIGION: Which religious text is divided into chapters called "suras"?
2. HISTORY: When did the War of 1812 end?
3. TELEVISION: The character Jim Phelps starred in what long-running spy drama?
4. MUSIC: What kind of instrument is a dulcimer?
5. MONEY: What is the standard currency of Vietnam?
6. FAMOUS PEOPLE: Who was Time Magazine's Person of the Century in 1999?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Baltic Sea located?
8. ANATOMY: What is "necrosis"?
9. NATURAL WORLD: Where is the geyser Old Faithful located?
10. MOVIES: What 1970s film's theme song was titled "Evergreen"?

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Answers

1. Quran
2. 1815
3. "Mission: Impossible"
4. Stringed instrument played with hammers
5. Dong
6. Albert Einstein
7. Northern Europe
8. Death of body tissue
9. Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming
10. "A Star Is Born"

Saturday's Answers

The Spats — by Jeff Pickering

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Sunset View Terraces. Luxury 2BR & 1BTH Apts w/private balcony & beautiful view. Rooms w/ A/C & Fully Furnished. Back-up Generator. Free Wi-Fi. Laundry Area. Nightime security. 235-6527/28 or 285-1317.

FOR SALE

Bar GAIA for Sale!! $15,000.00 or best offer. Great location-behind Tony Roma's. Bar is fully furnished. Includes great collection of music videos. Must see to appreciate. Pls contact 483-3415 or email: steve78chae@gmail.com

Commercial Space For Rent
4,500 sq. ft. located in San Jose (formerly Wells Fargo)
Call Mr. Jung at 287-1000

EMPLOYMENT

(13) Mason, (5) Carpenter, (1) Plumber. 5 years experience. Email resume to landmark@pticom.com

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(1) Interior Designer, (2) Mason, (2) Carpenter, (2) Commercial Cleaner. Send resume to JAR Design Construction PMB 2025 Box 10001, Saipan MP 96950.

1- Housekeeping cleaner - $5.05/hr. 3 yrs experience required. Maintain private household/commercial establishment, prepare meals, bathe, dress, do laundry for a senior person with mild disability and other assigned duties. Flexible, careful to detail and has stress tolerance. Send resume to anlhrd@aol.com. A&L Corporation

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1-Certified General Appraiser. Must be a CNMI licensed general appraiser. 15 yrs experience. $1,500-$2,000.00 p/m. Marianas Professional Services, Inc. Email resume to lbtappraisal@pticom.com

1-Accountant. $1,000.00p/m. Bachelor Degree in Accounting. 5 yr experience. Must be flexible. Email resume to lbtappraisal@pticom.com

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1-General Maintenance, 1-Commercial Cleaner $5.05 p/h. No phone calls please. Interested applicants please mail to V&C Enterprises, Inc. PO Box 501595, Saipan, MP 96950.

1-Manager/Cashier. Salary $5.05 p/h, 1-General Maintenance. Salary $5.05 p/h, 3-Material Handler. Salary $5.05 p/h. If interested please call Julita C. Diaz dba Island Store at 433-3886.

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(1) Administrative Assistant. College Level. 5 years experience. CISCO Co. Inc.: email resume to cisco.cnmi@yahoo.com

(1) Sales Representative. Multilingual: Chinese, Japanese, Korean. BFJ Corporation: email resume to cisco.cnmi@yahoo.com

(2) General Maintenance, (1) Commercial Cleaner. 3-5 years experience. Valid Driver's License. Police Clearance Required. San Vicente Estates: email resume to cisco.cnmi@yahoo.com

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1-Maintenance Repairer. $5.05-5.50/h. 5yrs exp. in maintaining, repairing, & operating silk screen machines & other printing equipment.

1-Graphic Artist. $5.05-5.50/h. 5yrs exp. In graphic designing and must have knowledge in graphics and visual display software.

1-Computer Technician. $5.05-5.50/h. 5yrs exp. In solving & troubleshooting problems related to desktop computers, laptops, large format printers & different types of computers.

1-Offset Operator. $5.05-5.50/h. 5yrs exp. In operating offset printing machine.

1-Industrial Engineer.$5.05-6-.00/h. 5yrs exp. In solving production problems; develops control systems that help in analysis of costs and planning of finances; develops cost efficient processes; and monitors the general flow of operations.

1-Seamstress. $5.05/h. 4yrs exp. In sewing t-shirts and different kinds of sports uniforms. Please send resume to PO Box 8065 SVRB, Saipan MP 96950 or email at rosal_zest@yahoo.com. (Rosal/Zest Enterprises & United Printers)

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(1) Accounting Associate. $5.05-6-.00/h, College graduate w/at least 5 yrs work related exp. knowledgeable w/AccountEdge Premium Accounting Software is preferred.

(1) F&B Manager. $5.05-6.00/h. Bachelor's Degree w/at least 5 yrs work related exp.. Must have good working knowledge in Japanese.

(4) Cook. $5.05/h. Flexible working hours. At least 5 yrs professional exp. & specialized in Russian gourmet. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service. Vimar Offshore, Inc. dba Manic Inn. Email resume w/job references to manicinn@pticom.com

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Church Clerk(1) Part time (24hrs/wk) Korean language a must. Computer literate, 5 yrs ofc wrk exp. Send resume to Korean Presbyterian Church, PO Box 501526 Saipan, MP 96950 or call 234-8541

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2 Carpenter $ 5.05/hr. Min. of 5 yrs experience. Fax resume to 234-9796 Kimco Enterprises, Inc.

1-Commercial Cleaner. 20 plus years experience. Contact Island Management Services at 483-9464.

1-Accountant-$5.05/hr. Mail resume to O & S Enterprises at P.O. Box 504247, Saipan or call 234-5959

1-Graphic Artist-$5.05/hr. Mail resume to O & S Enterprises at P.O. Box 504247, Saipan or call 234-5959

1-General Manager $1,500-2,000/m. At least 5yrs experience. 1-Manager $1,500-1,800/m At least 5yrs experience. 1-Assistant Manager 1,500-1,800/m At least 5yrs experience. 4-Arcade Attendant $5.05. At least 3-5yrs experience. 2-Commercial Cleaner $5.05/h 2-5yrs experience. 1-Electronic Technician $5.05-8.00/h. Bachelor Degree. 5yrs experience. 1-Dress maker $5.05/h. At least 3yrs experience. Interested U.S. applicant may send resume to Jimin Enterprises, Inc. PMB 844 Box 10001 Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. 233-3378

1-Manager. 3-5 yrs experience, 1-Cook 3-5 years experience. Able to cook Chinese and Western cuisines. Interested U.S. applicant may send resume to Alice International Corporation P.O. Box 5530 Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. 233-6666

7-Electrician. Salary $5.25 p/h, 1-Accounting Clerk. Salary $5.25 p/h. If interested please call Western Pacific Electric (Micronesia), Inc 433-2108/287-2436.

1-Operations Manager. Salary $1,300/m., 1-Accountant. Salary $1150/m., 1-Disc Jockey. Salary $5.05-5.35p/h., 6-Waitress. Salary $5.05-5.35., 4-Cook. Salary $5.05-5.75p/h. If interested please call JC Café at 433-3413.

1-Commercial Cleaner. $5.05/hr. Min. 2 yrs experience. Email resume to Edward@miona-usa.com. I.M. Calvo, LLC.

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2 Scuba Diving Instructor $5.05/hr. Min 5 yrs exp. Must speak, write & read Japanese. Certified by PADI. Napori Shoukai Inc. Tel: 322-2320

WHATZIT Solution:
A Midsummer Night's Dream

EMPLOYMENT

2- Tailor. 2 years experience required. 2-Dressmaker. 2 years experience required. 2-Jewelry Appraiser. Must have 4 to 5 years experience in jewelry appraisal, honest and trustworthy. 1-Administrative Officer. Minimum 5 years experience in administrative work. Applicant must have knowledge of computer applications for occupation revolves around the handling of information and assignments through the use of computers. Must have knowledge in accounting and bookkeeping software's such as Peachtree Accounting, Microsoft Excel and Word. Must also have good oral and written communication skills. Must have own transportation and valid driver's license. Applicants must mail resume with valid identifications, police clearance & previous employment certification to PLATINUM INC. PMB 326 PPP Box 10000, Saipan MP 96950. No phone calls please.

1-Jewelry Appraiser. Must have 4 to 5 years experience in jewelry appraisal, honest and trustworthy. 1-Commercial Cleaner. Must have 3 to 4 years work experience with good employment records.Applicants must mail resume together with valid identifications, police clearance & previous employment certification to GOLDEN EAGLE CORPORATION PMB 326 PPP BOX 10000, Saipan MP 96950. No phone calls please.

2-Beauticians. Must have 2 to 3 years work experience. Must be able to work with flexible hours. 1-Barber. Must have 2 to 3 years work experience. Must be familiar with crew cut, flat top and hair tattoos. 1-Jewelry Appraiser. Must have 4 to 5 years experience in jewelry appraising, honest and trustworthy. Applicants must mail resume together with valid identifications, police clearance and previous employment certification to CALMA CORPORATION PMB 205 PPP BOX 10000, SAIPAN MP 96950. No phone calls please.

1-Piano teacher: $1,800/mo. Bachelor's degree in music education and at leasr five years of experience required. Email resume to yonsei@hanmisaipan.com.

2-Auto (radiator) repairer: $5.05/hr. At least five years of experience required. Email resume to grace@hanmisaipan.com.

LOST PASSPORT

Name : Zhang, Xuan
Date of Birth : Oct. 07, 1959
Passport No. : 143282110
Expiry Date : Jan. 05, 2012

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the general public, that Raul S. Pineda is no longer employed at Marianas Exchange, Inc. effective October 15, 2011. Any transactions or deals entered by him in our behalf on or after October 15, 2011, will be null and void.

Marianas Medical Center Job Vacancies

Medical Laboratory Technicians (3 positions). Associate degree in Medical Technology or minimum CLIA required course hours for high complexity lab testing. Minimum of 2 years recent work experience in a CLIA certified medical laboratory. Must have work experience in operating Siemens chemistry and ABX hematology systems. Salary range $6.00 to $8.50, depending on qualification and experience. Please submit resume with 2 by 2 pictures at Marianas Medical Center (MMC) in Garapan no later than October 24, 2011. Qualified applicants are required to submit police clearance and drug testing results. MMC is a Smoke Free Work Place.

CHOI CORPORATION
DBA: KOREA HARDWARE
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Assistant Manager **Salary: $5.05/Hour**
Can speak/write English, Chinese and Korean Language
College or High School Graduate w/ 10 years experience in a hardware store.
Must be computer literate and have a valid drivers license.
Must be able to provide customer service by greeting, assisting and responding to inquiries and complains.
Must be able to monitor sales activities to ensure that customers receive good service and quality goods.
With knowledge to purchase products local and overseas, Import/Export, Compute Cubic Feet, & OSHA regulations.

(1) Accountant **Salary: $5.05/Hour**
Holders a degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce Major in Accounting. 10 years experience in the field of accounting & in a hardware store. Proficient in MS Excel and MS Word and have a valid drivers license.
Must be knowledgeable in Account Payables/Receivables, Bank Reconciliation, Payroll, Wire Transfer, Withholding Tax, FICA Tax, BGR Tax, Excise Tax and any other taxes required in a company.
With knowledge to purchase products local and overseas, Import/Export, Compute Cubic Feet, & OSHA regulations.
Must be able to prepare Financial Statement Report.

(1) Electrician, Building **Salary: $5.05/Hour**
College or High School Graduate w/ 10 years experience in a field of electricity. Must be computer literate.
Must be skilled in connect wires to circuit breakers, transformers, or other components.
Must be skilled in repair or replace wiring, equipment using hand tools and power tools.
Must be able to play lay-out and installation of electrical wiring, equipment based on job specifications and local codes.

(1) Material Coordinator **Salary: $5.05/Hour**
Can speak/write English and Korean Language
College Graduate w/10 years experience. Must be computer literate and have a valid drivers license.
Must be able to coordinates activities involved with procuring goods and services such as materials, equipment, tools, parts, supplies and advertising for establishments. Must be able to confers with vendors to obtain product or service information such as price, availability and delivery schedule.
Must be able to selects products for purchase by testing, observing or examining items.
With knowledge to purchase products local and overseas, Import/Export, Compute Cubic Feet, & OSHA regulations.

(1) Sales Representative **Salary:$5.05/Hour**
Can speak/write English and Korean Language
College Graduate w/ 5 years experience. Computer literate and have a valid drivers license.
Must be able to works for the customer satisfaction, revenue generation, and long-term account goals in line with the company vision and values. Must be able to assist in the implementation of marketing plans as needed and maintain accurate records of all sales.

Interested applicants must send resume to Fax# 235-0697
No Phone Calls Please

Job Vacancy Announcement – Chong's Corp.

One (1) SALES ENGINEER - Salary $1,200 - $2,500/monthly

- Sells HVACR mechanical, electrical and related equipment, parts, supplies with required professional engineering knowledge and judgment on product recommendation
- Prepares estimates on equipment, parts, supplies or services as needed
- Knowledgeable in Building Management System
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans & specifications and prepare shop drawing

One (1) BOOKKEEPER - Salary $1,200 - $2,500/monthly

- Prepare tax returns, tax payments & financial reports and verify its accuracy and conformance with Standard Accounting principle
- Monitor daily transactions, prepare journal entries and record into Peachtree Accounting program
- Handle customer billings, collections, cash receipts, payment & payroll
- Knowledgeable in Peachtree Accounting program and Microsoft office
- Must have knowledge in air-conditioning equipment and parts ordering system

Four (4) TECHNICIANS-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION - Salary $5.05 - $8.00/hr

- Install , service and repair of ventilation, central air conditioning and refrigeration systems
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT control systems and electrical/electronic control systems
- Repair and service of chilled water air conditioning system
- EPA Section 608 and R-410A Certification required

One (1) SHEET METAL WORKER - Salary $5.05 - $7.00/hr

- Fabricate, assemble, install and repair sheet metal products and equipment such as ducts, control boxes, drain pipes and furnace casings
- Set-up and operate fabricating machines, soldering and welding equipment
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans and specifications

- All above must possess good communication skill and minimum 10-year experience required

One (1) COMMERCIAL CLEANER - Salary $5.05/hr

- Perform duties to maintain and clean office & private residence in an orderly manner
- Perform basic household chores
- Must be honest, responsible, reliable & efficient at all times and police clearance required

E-mail resume to chongs@pticom.com

Job Vacancy Announcement
Dive Marianas Corporation

1 General Manager

Must have PADI License. At least 5 years work experience as Dive Shop Manager.

Compensation commensurate experience

Interested Qualified US Workers can e-mail resume to divemarianasinc@gmailcom

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Gana Corporation is looking for:

2-Teachers – Bachelors Degree required
1-Operations Manager – 5 years minimum experience. Knowledge to speak and write Korean language preferred. Can cook Korean food.

Call Jean at 287-4970

Grace Christian Academy
is looking for:

Accountant (2) needed:
Bachelor's Degree in Accounting
5 or more years accounting in Christian school Proficiency in Accountrak/School Minder programs

Download application at www.gca-nmi-com and submit at Grace Christian Academy

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Grace Christian Assembly
is looking for:

Accountant (1)
Bachelor's degree in Accounting
5 or more years in Church Accounting
Willing to work on flexible time.

Get application at Grace Christian Assembly, 1:30 to 3:30 PM, Tuesday to Friday.

Hong Ye Trading Company
P.O. Box 502997 Saipan, MP 96950
Vacancy Announcement for US workers'

3-Mason, 4-Carpenters, 1-Electrician
Minimum of 2 to 5 yrs experience.
Salary $5.05 per hour. Call 235-8748.
Email tomastchong@gmail.com or call 888-5748

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

REFRIGERATION MECHANIC (2)
Qualifications: High School Graduate or graduate of vocational training. Minimum 8 yrs experience working with a cold storage facility. Must be able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigerating systems. Must be able to install and repair office and vehicle air conditioning. Must be EPA certified technician type universal.

FLEET MECHANIC (2)
Qualifications: High school graduate or graduate of vocational training. Minimum 7 yrs experience in maintenance, problem diagnosis, repair, and overhaul of light trucks as well as automobiles, vans and forklifts. Must have mechanical knowledge of gas and diesel engine including overhauling. Must be knowledgeable about safety standards. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's medical fitness certificate.

AUTO BODY REPAIRER (1)
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years experience in auto and truck body repair. Must be knowledgeable in using power tools and welding machines.

PROGRAMMER ANALYST (1)
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years experience in Computer programming, networking, CCTV system. Knowledgeable in troubleshooting of hardware and software system, and data files security measures. Must be proficient in Windows, Citrix, Foxpro, and WIS software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE (5)
Qualifications: High school graduate or an Associate degree holder. Minimum 5 yrs experience in wholesale sales of frozen, chilled and dry food items. Must have good oral and written communication skills. Must have good interpersonal skills. Extensive contacts in various businesses and industries are an advantage. Proficiency in Chinese and Korean language a plus. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license.

SALES SUPERVISOR (1)
Qualifications: Associate's Degree in Business, Sales or Marketing. Minimum 8 yrs experience in wholesale & distribution of frozen, chill & dry food items. Extensive product knowledge of frozen food items and fresh produce items required. Must have extensive contact in various industries. Must have good oral and written communication skills. Must have good interpersonal skills. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATE (6)
Qualifications: Associate's Degree. Minimum 4 years work-related experience in general accounting in a wholesale company. Must have extensive knowledge and experience in receivables, payables, shipments documentation, inventory control, costing, billing, and invoicing Must be proficient in MS Word, Excel, and WIS Software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT, INVENTORY (1)
Qualifications: Associate's Degree in Business or Accounting. Minimum 4 years work-related experience in inventory management and control. Knowledge of and experience in handling frozen food items. Must know USDA inspection rules. Must be proficient in MS Word, Excel and WIS Software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

ACCOUNTANT (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Minimum 8 years work-related experience in general accounting in the wholesale industry. Must be able to prepare and maintain G/L, financial statements and reports. Must be able to prepare payroll and monthly, quarterly and annual tax returns. Must know CNMI & Federal tax rules. Must be proficient in MS Word and Excel, WIS Software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

WAREHOUSE WORKER (8)
Qualifications: High school graduate a plus. Minimum 3 yrs experience working in a Cold Storage warehouse (10F). Must have valid Food Handler's certificate. Must posses a valid forklift operator certificate. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license and a clean traffic history. Must have product and handling knowledge of frozen, chilled, and dry food items. Must be able to do strenuous work such as unloading container vans, stacking, lifting, carrying, and moving heavy items. Must be able to lift and move 50 lbs frequently and up to 80 lbs occasionally.

WAREHOUSE SUPERVISOR (2)
Qualifications: High school graduate. Minimum 7 yrs experience working in a Cold Storage warehouse (10F). Must have extensive product and handling knowledge of frozen, chilled, and dry food items. Must have valid Food Handler's certificate. Must possess a valid forklift operator certificate. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

DELIVERY DRIVER (9)
Qualifications: High School graduate. Minimum 3 years experience as a wholesale delivery driver delivering frozen, chilled and dry-goods products. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license and a clean traffic history. Must have a valid CNMI Drivers' fitness medical certificate. Must have a valid Food Handler's certificate. Proficient in driving right-hand drive trucks.

MAINTENANCE REPAIRER (4)
Qualifications: High school graduate or graduate of vocational training. Minimum 5 years experience in maintenance and repair of buildings (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry, mechanical, etc.), equipments and machineries. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

HOUSEKEEPER, COMMERCIAL and RESIDENTIAL (1)
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years experience. Must be able to clean office and residence efficiently. Must be to monitor daily medications, prepare meals and do laundry for senior citizen. Dependable attendance, hardworking and follows directions well. Honest and trustworthy. Must be able to work early mornings, late nights and weekends. Current police and court clearance required.

All positions close on October 31, 2011

Interested applicants must fill up application forms at:
Yaong Corp.
Rem Center, Gualo Rai, Saipan

A copy of valid police and court clearance must be attached to the application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Background checks will be required prior to employment. Pre-employment and random drug testing may be required. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification & experience.

Job Vacancy Announcement
Island Essence Inc. is in need of

1 Operations Manager - at least 5 years experience in bridal design, event planning and floral arrangement.
2 Florist - at least 3 years work experience.
1 Dressmaker - at least 3 years work experience.

Interested Qualified US Workers can fax resume to Island Essence Inc. at 235-2231

Job Vacancy Announcement
Mu Sung Corporation is looking for:

3 - Carpenters	2 - Steelman
3 - Mason1	1 - Electrician
1 - Plumber	1 - Draftsman

Must have at least 2 years work experience

Interested US Workers must fax resume to 235-7742

INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
Job Vacancy Announcement

1-General Manager - $1000.00/mo.

10-Carpenters, 10-Masons, 7-Dressmakers / Seamstress, 3-Commercial Cleaners
Salary $ 5.05 per hour. 5 years work experience. At least high school graduate and/or college undergraduate.

Email resume to remmp96950@yahoo.com or call 233-6160

JD's Corporation
P.O. Box 502981 Saipan, MP 96950
Vacancy Announcement for US workers'

Store Manager-College graduate
Min. 5 yrs experience. Salary $5.05 per hour. Call 235-4405.
Email tomastchong@gmail.com or call 888-5748

JOBEL CORPORATION
P.O. Box 7773 SVRB Saipan, MP 96950
Vacancy Announcement for US workers'

1-Teacher and 1- Teacher (Assiant)
Minimum of 5 yrs experience.
Salary $5.05 per hour.
Email tomastchong@gmail.com or call 888-5748

LC CORPORATION, INC.
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Manager – Tour Operation.
Salary $1,800.00 p/m.
Minimum 5 years work related experience.
Korean language speaking preferred.

Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

LDK, LLC.
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(3) Carpenters. Salary $5.05 p/h
(1) Electrician. Salary $5.05 p/h
(1) Commercial Cleaner. Salary $5.05 p/h
2 – 5 years working experience required.

Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

Meena's CNMI Corporation
P.O. Box 502147 Saipan, MP 96950

Vacancy Announcement for US workers

1 - Manager. Salary $5.05 per hour. Minimum of 2 years experience.

Email tomastchong@gmail.com or call 888-5748

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Caregiver (2) - Required minimum 5 years experience for attending to the specific needs of an elderly person, infant and child with special needs. Send resumes to JPT Consulting at jessteno1@yahoo.com.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

• 1 WAITER • 1 WAITRESS

$5.05/hr, min. of 5 yrs experience, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, fluent in speaking Japanese preferred, pleasing personality. Must work flexible hours.

Closing Date: October 24, 2011
send resume to MITSUE'S RESTAURANT
PMB 778 BOX 10000 Saipan, MP 96950

LDK, INC.
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(3) Arcade Attendant
Salary $5.05 p/h.
Minimum 2 years work related experience.

Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

SUMY, INC.

(1) Sales Representative
Salary: $5.05/Hour
- Can speak/write English and Korean Language
- College Graduate w/ 5 years experience. Computer literate and have a valid drivers license.
- Must be able to works for the customer satisfaction, revenue generation, and long-term account goals in line with the company vision and values. Must be able to assist in the implementation of marketing plans as needed and maintain accurate records of all sales.

Interested applicants must send resume to Fax# 235-0697

No Phone Calls Please

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Accountant-$5.75/hr
Knowledge in Peach Tree Accounting. 5 yrs of experience required

Building Repairer/Maintenance-$5.05/hr
10 yrs experience

Rod/Reel Repairer/Maintenance-$5.05/hr
5 yrs experience

Gun/Rifle Repairer/Maintenance-$5.05/hr
5 yrs experience

Administrative Assistant-$5.05/hr
5 yrs experience. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with experience in bookkeeping

Applicants must be able to work flexible hours and must have a valid CNMI driver's license

Please email resume to fishing@saipan.com no later than October 27, 2011

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1 - General Maintenance Worker

High School graduate or equivalent with at least 10 years work experience. Has demonstrated the ability to perform general routine repairs and maintenance in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, refrigeration and air conditioning, including painting, masonry, grounds keeping and appliance repairs. Must be a driver. Must be knowledgeable in the use and maintenance of hand and power tools used in maintenance and repair of buildings. Must be able to work flexible hours including outdoors with minimal supervision. Salary: $5.05 per hour (No house provided). Please mail resume or biodata to BMSablan Auto Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Repair Shop to PO BOX 501274 Saipan, MP 96950.

Grace Christian Academy
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Kinder Teacher &
(1) Elementary Teacher

Qualifications: Holder of Bachelor's degree in education; At least 5 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian school; Must be ACSI certified; Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school Must adhere to all school policies and procedure Preferably ACSI certified

Download application form at www.gca-nmi.com Submit completed application to Grace Christian Academy, Navy Hill, Saipan, Mp 96950 GCA is accredited with the Association of Christian Schools International.

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www.saipantribune.com

MARIANAS EXCHANGE, INC.
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1 PARTS SPECIALIST- Minimum of 5 years experience, with expertise in all Heavy Equipment parts.

1 PARTS SALES PERSON- Minimum of 5 years experienced, ability to read catalog, microfiche viewers, or computer display in order to determine replacement part stock numbers and prices.

Please apply in person, bring your resume at **MARIANAS EXCHANGE, INC**. located at Gualo Rai, SAIPAN PLASA BLDG. No phone call please.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Home Office and Child Care Worker
$5.05/hr.

Must be able to schedule clients, attend to business calls/inquiries, and clean scuba diving equipment. Minimum of 3 years experience attending to children with special needs and assisting in implementing an individualized behavior and learning plan. Must be knowledgeable of CPR, must have strong organizational and self-management skills and must be available to work in evenings and weekends.

Background checks will be required prior to employment. For applications to be considered, please mail your resume to saipan.scuba@gmail.com by October 27, 2011.

Job Vacancy Announcement

- **Maintenance Electrician**
- **Maintenance Building Repairer**

Interested qualified US workers may fax, email, or submit in person, a resume and police clearance.
Any applicant selected for these positions are required to take and pass a drug test screening prior to employment at applicant's cost.

Application deadline for the two positions is Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

PACIFIC DAIKEN CO., LTD.
PO Box 501042, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel: 234-7453 / Fax: 234-7996
bern.ito@pacificdaiken.com

Philippine Goods Construction, Inc.
is looking for

1 – GENERAL MANAGER
Salary: $15.00 - $21.00/hr
With 10 yrs experience on office, personnel and engineering operations particularly in construction business. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. At least 5 yrs experience as Civil Engineer. Proficient in AutoCAD and Microsoft Office.

Interested Qualified US Workers must e-mail resume to vphilippinegoods@yahoo.com

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Tour company Belka Tours is announcing vacancy on 4 positions of Tour Manager with the rate of $5.05 per hour.

Job requirements: Bachelor degree, Knowledge of the Russian tourism market, tour company operations, local hospitality industry and land operations, familiarity with specifics of a diving tourism. Language Skills: Russian - fluent oral and written, English - confident oral and written (preferably E-094 or higher). Communication skills, Computer skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, and Adobe Photoshop); 5 years experience in tourism industry; Licenses: driving is a must; scuba diving of any level is a plus. Must be legal to work in the CNMI.

Submit resume via e-mail belkators@pticom.com or fax to 234-6286.

Job Vacancy Announcement

Speedy Turtle Dive Shop is announcing vacancy of 2 Teacher-Instructor positions.

5.05/hr • Medical Insurance • US Social Security

Job responsibilities:
- teaching for scuba diving theory and practical aspects;
- instructing students and experienced divers;
- to perform duties of dive leader (dive guide);
- maintain and repair scuba diving gear;

The Job requirements:
- rating of Certified NAUI Diving Instructor or higher;
- 5 years experience in Scuba Diving Instructing;
- minimum 2000 registered dives;
- knowledge of scuba diving gear, its maintenance and repair;
- knowledge with air compressor machinery and experience in running such machinery;
- knowledge and experience in underwater video and photo filming;
- knowledge of scuba diving, free diving and snorkeling gear in order to run diving gear shop;
- Knowledge of Russian language (speaking, writing and reading) and familiarity with Technical (diving) Russian terminology is a plus;

Submit resume via fax 234 6286. For inquiries, please call: 493 9616; contact person Oleg Tchernychenko.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
AUDITOR
Opening: October 12, 2011 to October 22, 2011

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Rangers rally in 9th, beat Cards to even Series

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Down to their last three outs and facing another serious World Series deficit, the Texas Rangers did some rallying of their own.

Lost at the plate, Josh Hamilton and the Texas hitters suddenly found their strokes. They scraped together two runs in the ninth inning against the vaunted St. Louis Cardinals' bullpen and escaped with a 2-1 win Thursday night that evened the Series at 1-all.

"It wasn't a Series-saving rally, but it was huge," said Ian Kinsler, whose single and safe-by-inches steal set up the comeback.

Hamilton and Michael Young did their jobs, hitting consecutive sacrifice flies that completed the comeback.

A year after they dropped the first two games at San Francisco and got wiped out in the World Series, the Rangers kept things interesting—for themselves, and for baseball fans all over yearning for some October drama.

"It was almost a great story for us, turned out to be a greater one for them," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said.

Now, after a travel day, Texas will host Game 3 on Saturday night. Matt Harrison is set to start for the Rangers against Kyle Lohse.

"It would have been hard," Hamilton said of possibly facing being 0-2. "We would have been comfortable going back to our place, having three games. They're just like we are, never say die, till the last out is made. It makes it fun."

Up until the ninth, Hamilton and the Texas boppers were in serious danger. They chased pitches that bounced, broke their bats and seemed totally overmatched.

In a city excited by a Rally Squirrel, it was Groundhog Day—almost.

For the second straight night, Cardinals pinch-hitter Allen Craig greeted reliever Alexi Ogando with a go-ahead single. This time, Craig did it the seventh. In Game 1, his hit in the sixth sent the Cards to a 3-2 win.

The Rangers have not lost two straight games since Aug. 23-25. They sure waited a while to save themselves on this night that began as duel between starters Colby Lewis and the Cardinals' Jaime Garcia. Texas gained a split in St. Louis despite hitting a combined .186.

Kinsler opened the ninth with a bloop single against closer Jason Motte. Next up was Elvis Andrus, whose tremendous play at shortstop kept the game scoreless much earlier. Kinsler, though, wasn't about to wait - he stole second, sliding in just ahead of three-time Gold Glove catcher Yadier Molina's excellent throw.

"My hand just barely got in there," Kinsler said. "It took everything I had."

Andrus followed with a single to center, sending Kinsler to third. And when the throw from center fielder Jon Jay eluded first baseman Albert Pujols, went to catcher Yadier Molina, and Andrus scampered to second.

More than an hour after the game, the three official scorers gave Pujols an error.

"I should have made a better throw right there. It was the big part of the game," Jay said. "It was off-line a little bit.

"It just tailed a little bit. I mean, it was inches. So it was just the way it went today," he said.

La Russa, who's been making all the right moves this October, brought in lefty Arthur Rhodes to face Hamilton. But the slumping slugger, slowed throughout the postseason by a groin injury, hit a solid fly ball that scored Kinsler and moved Andrus to third.

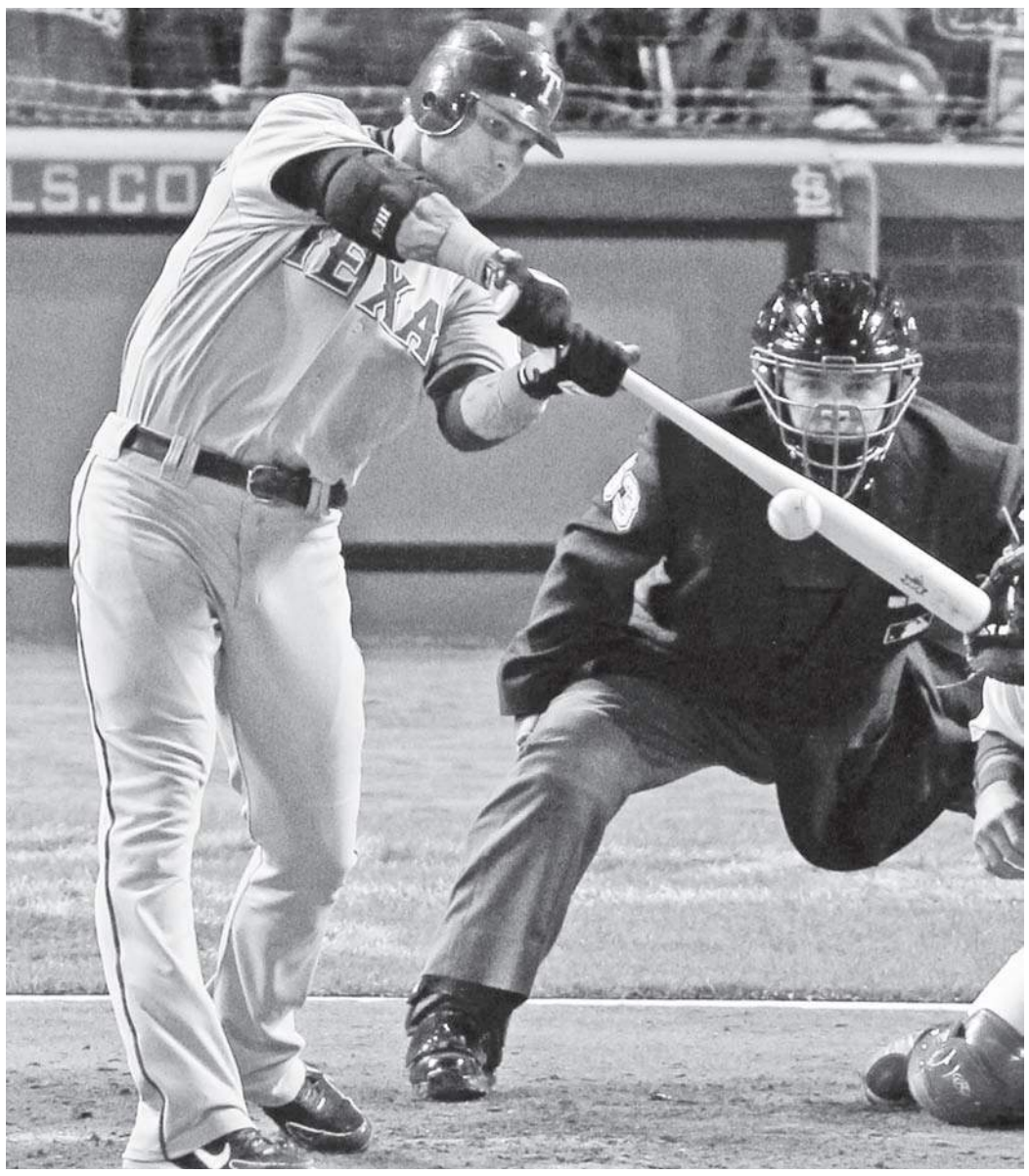
La Russa went to his bullpen again, bringing in Lance Lynn to face Young. The steady Texas veteran lofted a fly ball that sent Andrus scampering home.

"I don't care how they come. We just needed to score some runs," Young said. "In that situation, sacrifice flies are what we needed. Josh's job was to get the guy to third and my job was to get him in. Just team baseball. Something we've done all season long."

Then it was Rangers manager Ron Washington's turn. He signaled for closer Neftali Feliz, who worked around a leadoff walk to earn the save.

"Classic ninth inning," La Russa said.

Said Motte: "It stinks."



AP

Texas Rangers' Josh Hamilton hits an RBI sacrifice fly ball against the St. Louis Cardinals during the ninth inning of Game 2 of baseball's World Series Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, in St. Louis.

The sellout crowd at Busch Stadium fell silent as Rafael Furcal flied out to end it. Moments earlier, the fans gave Pujols a big cheer in what could have been his final at-bat at home before he heads into free agency. Pujols flied out to the wall, leaving him 0 for 6 in the Series.

Mike Adams, the third Texas pitcher, got the win.

The Cardinals broke through against Lewis in the seventh when David Freese singled with one out and took third on Nick Punto's two-out single. La Russa pulled Garcia and put up Craig, who was injured for most of the season.

Washington then went to Ogando. After a first-pitch foul, Craig lined a 96 mph heater over Kinsler at second base for the go-ahead run.

Up through the ninth, the Texas hitters were flailing.

Hamilton, the reigning AL MVP seemed to be wearing down with every swing in his first three at-bats.

Hamilton shattered his bat the first time up and slowly jogged to first base. Later, he weakly waved and appeared overmatched as he struck out on three pitches. That left him with an 0-for-16 Series slump dating to last October.

Hamilton's teammates were equally feeble. Maybe it was because none of the Texas starters had ever faced Garcia, maybe it was carryover from the stress that began in last year's World Series wipeout against San Francisco.

The acrobatic Andrus made a sensational play in the fifth to keep the game scoreless.

After a two-out single by Punto and a walk to the light-hitting Garcia, Furcal slapped a hard grounder up the middle. Andrus dived to his left to stop it on the edge of the outfield grass, got to his knees and flipped the ball with his glove to second baseman Kinsler, who barely beat Garcia to the bag for a forceout.

"I always say when you're not hitting good, you better do something good defensively," Andrus said.

Texas batters, meanwhile, couldn't catch up with Garcia.

Their hardest hit early in the game came in the fourth—rather, it was the hardest a Texas player got hit.

Kinsler was at third base when Adrian Beltre sent a solid, one-hopper down the line. The foul ball nailed a ducking Kinsler in the right shoulder, and he grinned while playfully rubbing it off. No smiling, though, when Beltre took a poor cut at a low pitch and struck out to strand runners at the corners.

Garcia and Lewis dominated at the outset, and no one got a hit until Furcal doubled with two outs in the St. Louis third. Before that, the closest anyone came was Jon Jay, whose bunt danced along the third base line chalk before trickling foul.

Perhaps both sides could have used some hitting tips from Stan Musial. A month shy of his 91st birthday, Stan the Man was sitting in a Busch suite. The Cardinals Hall of Famer was shown on the video board and drew a big cheer.

Pujols miscue hurts Cardinals in messy ninth

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Albert Pujols and the St. Louis Cardinals let one get away.

In a messy ninth inning, Pujols failed to handle a cutoff throw after Jason Motte faltered for the first time this October, aiding the Texas Rangers' two-run rally for a 2-1 victory Thursday night that evened the World Series at a game apiece.

For the first time since early August, there were no chants of "Happy Flight, Happy Flight!" from the Cardinals. They had won 15 in a row on getaway day heading into Game 2.

Nearly everything had gone right for the wild-card Cardinals in the postseason—until the ninth inning Thursday.

"Can't last forever," manager Tony La Russa said.

Motte had been virtually untouchable, allowing one hit in nine innings in the postseason, before giving up two hits in the ninth. Ian Kinsler hit a leadoff single, stole second and went to third on Elvis Andrus' base hit to right-center, ending Motte's night.

Motte thought La Russa was coming out to talk strategy.

"You always want to finish it off, but sometimes he's the boss. Not sometimes, he's always the boss," Motte said. "It's a tough loss but we get to come out and do it again."

Pujols, a two-time Gold Glove winner, ran toward second to take the relay throw from center fielder Jon Jay but he whiffed on the catch, allowing the ball to roll toward the mound. Andrus, who made an aggressive turn at first and then retreated, easily advanced to second to put runners on second and third.

More than an hour after the game, the three official scorers decided to charge Pujols with an error on the play.

Josh Hamilton hit a sacrifice fly to tie it and Andrus advanced to third. Lance Lynn relieved and gave up another sacrifice fly to Michael Young. The result was a rare failure in the postseason by the St. Louis bullpen, which had given up just four runs in 31 2-3 innings since the start of the NLCS.

Pujols left Busch Stadium without speaking to reporters. La Russa said he didn't get a good view of the play from the dugout, but remembered Pujols talking with catcher Yadier Molina afterward.

"He's a heady player and obviously we don't want the lead runner, the back runner, to go to second base," La Russa said. "I don't know exactly what happened there but that was an important extra base."

Jay said his throw could have been better but also said it was important to "get rid of it quick. "It just tailed a little bit, I mean, it was inches," Jay added. "So it was just the way it went."

Was Pujols correctly lined up? "I don't know," Jay said. "It all happened so fast."

La Russa has steadfastly refused to name Motte the Cardinals' closer—he has five saves this postseason after earning nine in the regular season—and he pulled him after the two singles in favor of Arthur Rhodes.

La Russa made it clear that Motte remains his ninth-inning guy, though.

"I know that if we get the lead on Saturday, he'll be 100 percent ready to go," the manager said. "He caught a tough break, which is baseball.

"Next time they'll hit a line drive right at somebody and we'll get an out," La Russa added.

The ninth spoiled a stellar performance from Jaime Garcia, the 25-year-old lefty who's a lot more comfortable on the Busch Stadium mound than on the road.

"It was a tough one," Garcia said. "I felt like I did a pretty good job against a really tough lineup, so put this one in the past and move forward and get ready to go to Texas."

Garcia had seven strikeouts and outdueled Colby Lewis for seven innings of three-hit ball, totally taming the Rangers' big bats and setting the stage another big pinch hit from Allen Craig. Garcia has a 1.93 ERA in three home starts in the playoffs, and allowed six runs in four innings in his lone road appearance.

Garcia was a 14-game winner and finished third in the NL rookie of year balloting last season and the sophomore season was almost as good, moving the Cardinals to sign him to a four-year contract in June. He's the first Mexican-born pitcher to start in the World Series since the Dodgers' Fernando Valenzuela in 1981.

Garcia's home-road splits were fairly drastic in the regular season, 9-4 and 2.55 at home with a pair of shutouts, but only 4-3 and 4.61 on the road. The Rangers got only three singles, and only Adrian Beltre's two-out hit in the seventh tagged.

Craig's pinch-hit RBI single off Alexi Ogando in Game 1 was the first go-ahead pinch RBI in World Series play since Wade Boggs drew a bases-loaded walk in 1996. The circumstances in Game 2 were eerily familiar, two men on, two out and the Rangers going to the bullpen to counter the right-handed hitting Craig, just one inning later.

NBA labor talks turn nasty as negotiations end

NEW YORK (AP)—NBA labor talks turned nasty and broke off Thursday when three days of meetings failed to yield a deal to end a 112-day lockout, raising the likelihood that even more games will be canceled in an already fractured season.

After 30 hours of negotiations before a federal mediator, the sides remained divided over two main issues—the division of revenues and the structure of the salary cap system.

"Ultimately, we were unable to bridge the gap that separates the two parties," NBA Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said. "We understand the ramifications of where we are. We're saddened on behalf of the game."

Without a deal, NBA Commissioner David Stern, who missed Thursday's session with the flu, almost certainly will decide more games must be dropped.

The season was supposed to begin Nov. 1, but all games through Nov. 14—100 in total—already have been scrapped, costing players about $170 million in salaries.

Stern said previously that games through Christmas were in jeopardy without a deal this week. Silver said the labor committee would speak with Stern on Friday about the future schedule.

The union said owners essentially gave it an ultimatum to accept a 50-50 split of revenues, and president Derek Fisher accused management of lying to the media.

AP

Derek Fisher, president of the NBA players union, speaks during a news conference after NBA labor talks Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, in New York.

"We've spent the last few days making our best effort to try and find a resolution here. Not one that was necessarily a win-win. It wouldn't be a win for us. It wouldn't be a win for them. But one that we felt like would get our game back ... and get our guys back on the court, get our vendors back to work, get the arenas open, get these communities revitalized," Fisher said.

"And in our opinion, that's not what the NBA and the league is interested in at this point. They're interested in telling you one side of the stories that are not true and this is very serious to us. This is not in any way about ego. There are a lot of people's livelihoods at stake separate from us."

Billy Hunter, executive director of the players' association, said the union made "concession after concession after concession ... and it's just not enough."

"We're not prepared to let them impose a system on us that eliminates guarantees, reduces contract lengths, diminishes all our increases," he said. "We're saying no way. We fought too long and made too many sacrifices to get where we are."

Previously each side had proposed receiving 53 percent of basketball-related income after players were guaranteed 57 percent under the previous collective bargaining agreement.

Silver said the league formally proposed a 50-50 revenue split Wednesday, and the union moved from 53 percent to 52.5 percent Thursday.

"Hopefully, we can get back to the table, but certainly a tough day, a very tough day," said Peter Holt, the labor relations committee chair and owner of the San Antonio Spurs.

Asked whether the players would drop to 50 percent, Holt said he didn't think it was that big of a jump but that the union did.

He said the league would not go above 50 percent "as of today. But never say never on anything."

Hunter said Cleveland owner Dan Gilbert told players to trust that if they took the 50-50 split, the salary cap issues could be worked out.

Owners and players met with federal mediator George Cohen for 16 hours Tuesday, ending around 2 a.m. Wednesday, then returned just eight hours later and spent another 8 1/2 hours in discussions. The sides then met for about five hours Thursday, before calling it quits.

Cohen said the two sides weren't able to resolve the "strongly held, competing positions that separated them on core issues."

"In these circumstances, after carefully reviewing all of the events that have transpired, it is the considered judgment of myself ... that no useful purpose would be served by requesting the parties to continue the mediation process at this time," Cohen said in a statement.

Both sides praised Cohen and said they felt there was some progress on minor issues at the start of the talks. But it was clear by the time talks broke down that there were bad feelings on both sides.

Though the sides have said they believe bargaining is the only route to a deal, the process could end up in the courts. Each brought an unfair labor practice charge against the other with the National Labor Relations Board, and the league also filed a federal lawsuit against the union attempting to block it from decertifying.

Union officials, so far, have been opposed to decertification, a route the NFL players initially chose during their lockout.

However, Hunter said Thursday that "all of our options are on the table. Everything."

Payton only the latest example of sideline dangers

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Sean Payton played quarterback through high school, college and even as a replacement player during the 1987 NFL strike.

Yet it wasn't until he was wearing a headset, not a helmet, and holding a flip card, not a football, that he was seriously injured in a game.

Now he is another casualty of sideline dangers during football games.

"I'd never really been hurt," said the Saints' head coach, who broke his left leg when he was caught in a tackle along the sideline last Sunday. "This is the first time I've ever been really injured at all. It's just unfortunate when it happened."

Now monitoring practice in a golf cart with his leg elevated, Payton is among many in football who can attest that it's not always safe to assume the sideline is an injury-free zone.

"It is a very dangerous place," former NFL coach Jon Gruden said, adding that his worst sideline hit came at a high school game.

"If you get too close to the fire, you will get burned and that goes for all of us," Gruden said. "You have the headset on or you are looking at your sideline sheet and thinking about the next play and then, boom. You might not even know what hit you."

Payton needed surgery to repair a torn meniscus and a fractured tibia on Monday morning. He remained in the hospital until Wednesday. When he finally got back into his office on Wednesday night, he found cookies, balloons and cards in his office, along with a fragile china doll on his desk.

It was a measure of good-humored payback for the coach's use of the same motivational prop in the lockers of players who are rehabilitating injuries. With the doll was a note reading, "Return to sender."

Payton was hurt on a passing play to tight end Jimmy Graham, who was tackled out of bounds by a pair of Buccaneers defenders during New Orleans' 26-20 loss at Tampa Bay.

Punts have proved dangerous to sideline observers as well.

Gruden said that's what he always worried about most because of the gunners on the coverage teams who are trying to use their speed to squeeze past blockers along the edges of the field.

"They are trying to beat two guys down the field and they are coming right down the sideline and it's such a bang-bang play," Gruden said.

That is precisely what happened last season at the Superdome, when a member of the chain crew, Al Nastasi Jr., was flattened by the Saints' Courtney Roby during punt coverage. Nastasi initially was given intravenous fluids on the sideline, then was taken to a neuro intensive care unit, though he eventually recovered and returned to the chain crew late in the season.

In 2008, then Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis tore knee ligaments when a player was blocked into him on a punt. Weis is now the offensive coordinator at Florida, where his head coach Will Muschamp, said he, too, was once leveled on a punt, though lucky not to be hurt.

"They punted the ball, I looked back, I thought the gunner released inside so I quit watching," Muschamp recalled. "I got clipped on about the 40 and I landed up underneath the bench."

Penn State's 84-year-old coach, Joe Paterno shared Payton's fate back in 2006, breaking his leg on a short passing play very similar to the play on which Payton got hurt.

Colts coach Jim Caldwell, a former Paterno assistant, said he feels "fortunate by the grace of God that I haven't sustained a significant injury" on the sideline. Caldwell said he has been "run over" while coaching, just not seriously hurt.

This Sunday night, when the Saints host the Colts, Payton expects to spend the game in the coaches' booth near the press box and call plays down to the sideline from there. He also does not intend to go down to the locker room at halftime. That could also be the case for a number of subsequent games because Payton is not expected to be able to put weight on his injured leg for about eight weeks.

"I also have to be smart and realistic," Payton said. "I've got to pay attention to what the doctors are saying and I don't want to be stubborn or foolish. I don't want it to become an issue that's longer than it should be."

Donald shares Disney lead, 2 shots ahead of Simpson

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP)—Luke Donald got off to a strong start in his pursuit of Webb Simpson and the top spot on the PGA money list, shooting a 6-under 66 Thursday in the opening round of the Children's Miracle Network Classic to share the lead with six other players.

Donald, the world No. 1, is trying to become the first player to finish the season No. 1 on both the European and PGA Tour money lists. The Englishman was paired with Simpson, who was two strokes back after a 68.

James Driscoll, Arjun Atwal, Nathan Green, Gary Woodland, Scott Stallings and Derek Lamely also shot 66 to share the lead in the season's final event.

Donald has made $5,837,214 this season, leaving him $363,029 behind Simpson, who has made $6,200,243 while playing in seven more PGA events.

Tom Lehman is the only player since 1990 to win the money title on the final day of the season. He won the 1996 PGA Tour Championship to pass Phil Mickelson, who fished 12th—and second on the money list—that season.

Donald got off to a hot start on the Palm course, birdieing three of his first five holes and going without a bogey the entire round. Simpson, who had four birdies, also played bogey free.

The two will play together again Friday on the Magnolia Course in a group with amateurs Kevin Gallagher and Dennis Murphy.

WBC returns title to Hopkins after Dawson controversy

BOXING

Bernard Hopkins remains the WBC light-heavyweight champion of the world after the sanctioning organisation restored the title to him by declaring his controversial fight with Chad Dawson a technical draw.

The fight, which took place last Saturday, was originally awarded to Dawson by technical knockout—after 46-year-old Hopkins was unable to continue following a second-round coming together.

But the WBC board, upon reviewing the evidence again, decided Dawson's actions—lifting his opponent off the ground and pushing him away, which resulted in Hopkins suffering a partial dislocation of his shoulder—were both intentional and illegal, and thus nullified the initial result.

"The head offices of the WBC sent videos, medical reports and the WBC corresponding rules to the Board of Governors, that unanimously declared a technical draw on the fight. Therefore, Bernard Hopkins is still the WBC light heavyweight champion of the world," WBC president Jose Sulaiman wrote in a ruling.

"I feel very happy. I feel that justice was done," Hopkins told ESPN. "I'd like to thank Mr Sulaiman and the board for looking at the tape and just for taking the time to look at the tape. They came up with what I think is the right decision. Like me or hate me, I think most people will think it's the right decision that they made."

However, Dawson's camp are unhappy with the ruling—believing Hopkins made the first illegal move—although the American will likely be granted an immediate rematch.

AP

Referee Pat Russell, right, sends Chad Dawson to his corner as Bernard Hopkins, left, lies on the canvas after he was pushed out of the ring by Dawson in the second round of a light heavyweight boxing match in Los Angeles, Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011.

"I'm disappointed that the WBC saw fit to call it a technical draw," Gary Shaw, Dawson's promoter, said. "I'm sure, as sure as I can be, that the WBC will put Chad as the No. 1 mandatory (challenger) again. I don't think it was the right decision.

"We believe Hopkins committed the first foul by going on Chad's back. Chad did what anyone would do and tried to get him off his back. I accept their ruling but I don't agree with it."

The defeat is technically still on Hopkins' record, however, as the WBC does not have jurisdiction over individual fight results. That is up to the boxing commission where the fight took place—so Hopkins will likely have to wait until the California commission meets on December 13 before the loss is formally erased. ***(ESPN)***

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led to a Mobil fastbreak play with Gil Gapor on the finishing end, giving the team a 98-91 advantage, 2.6 seconds remaining on the clock. Fiesta's Elmer Esdrelon connected on a triple at the buzzer to peg the final score.

Bart Demapan top-scored for Mobil with 26 markers, as he and Jun Estolas played beautiful music together, teaming up on pick-and-roll plays on a couple of occasions. Estolas added 22, making five triples with most of them coming off Demapan's screen. Gamboa and Marvin Rabauliman also finished in double figures with 17 and 14 markers, respectively.

Four players tallied double digits in scoring for Fiesta, but they could not seem to get their games going together. In the first period, only Jawn Joyner and Ivan Devero hit more than one field goal and Fiesta fell behind, 19-21. In the second canto, it was an all Devero show, while Mobil had balanced offense to take a 47-35 halftime lead.

At the start of the second half, Esdrelon and Ernie Moises had seven points apiece and Joyner added five, but Devero was limited to one field goal. Fiesta launched a late rally in the third to cut the 17-point deficit to six, 60-66, entering the final canto.

In the payoff period, Esdrelon and Devero combined for 19 markers, but the rest of their teammates failed to score more than two field goals.

Hyatt 89, Shirley's 78

In the curtain raiser, Hyatt recovered from its debut loss to Mobil (77-83) after beating Shirley's, 89-78.

Shirley's joined Fiesta at the bottom of the team standings in the 10-squad field, as the former also fell to a 0-2 slate. Shirley's bowed to defending champion Pacific Islands Club-NVM in the league opener last Sunday, 94-89.

After facing a two-point deficit at the end of the first period, 15-17, Hyatt seized control of the match in the second quarter and hung in there to break into the win column. Bernard Aquino led Hyatt with 19 points, 13 of them coming in the second half. Jun Alipio also played better in the second half, recording 10 of his 16 markers in the last 20 minutes of play. Christian Devero and Jeff Durant chipped in 14 and 12, respectively.

J.R. Barrios and Rommel Usi had 18 points apiece for Shirley's but the former was held to two free throws in the crucial fourth quarter. Kae Bernardo contributed 16, but was scoreless in the fourth. Wowie Abuel added 14.

First Game

Hyatt 89 – Aquino 19, Alipino 16, Devero 14, Durant 12, Tumaquip 8, Umali 7, Palacios 7, Mateo 6.

Shirley's 78 – Usi 18, Barrios 18, Bernardo 16, Abuel 14, De Dios 6, Sedillo 4, Peredo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-17, 41-35, 60-56, 89-78.

Second Game

Mobil 98 – Demapan 26, Estolas 22, Gamboa 17, Rabauliman 14, Gapor 8, Ruluked 7, Sharry 2, Bautista 2.

Fiesta Resort 94 – Devero 26, Esdrelon 22, Joyner 19, Moises 13, Talania 6, Jinang 6, Salazar 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-19, 47-35, 66-60, 98-94.

Narvaez confident of toppling Donaire

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NEW YORK—Argentina's Omar Narvaez oozed with confidence when he finally spoke Wednesday about his world championship fight with Filipino titleholder Nonito Donaire Jr.

Narvaez said he's going to pull off a stunning upset when he battles Donaire, the WBO and WBC bantamweight champ, on Oct. 22, at the Theatre of the Madison Square Garden.

"He is still young. I have the experience, I have been in this situation many times," the 36-year-old Narvaez told a Top Rank Promotions writer.

Fighting for the first time on United States soil and at 118 pounds, he said that his relative obscurity from media's prying eyes will work to his advantage.

"No one knows me here," added the five-foot-3 Narvaez, a southpaw. "On Saturday you will know me. I will go home with his belts."

Donaire saw Narvaez at the hotel lobby while waiting for the bus that would take him to the Philippine Consulate for a courtesy call and remarked that the challenger's "got a big head."

"That's good, bigger target," Donaire jokingly told his trainer Robert Garcia.

The 5-foot-7 Donaire, acknowledged as the quicker, more powerful puncher of the two combatants, said he is upbeat about his chances because he holds one very big edge.

"I'm the smarter boxer," he said.

Though he trained during his media workout at nearby Kingsway Gym, Donaire also buckled down to work late Tuesday and jogged until 11 p.m. He said he's feeling sharp because he can now recuperate faster than before.

He credited it to a recovery cocktail prepared by his controversial strength and conditioning coach Victor Conte.

"It's a no-calorie protein shake which makes recovery faster," the Filipino Flash said. "Boxing is 50 percent training and 50 percent recovery because the body gets drained by too much work."

At the Philippine Consulate here, Donaire received words of encouragement from staff and a coffeetable book from Consul General Mario de Leon.

"Your impressive record as a three-division world champion earned you legions of fans here in the US, the Philippines and in many parts of the world," De Leon told Donaire. "You serve as an inspiration not only to aspiring boxers in the Philippines but also to Filipino-American athletes."

Donaire also fielded questions from the US-based reporters where he revealed that he was bullied when he was a kid.

"I get bullied in school and go home crying because I was that small, frail kid," he said. "I had asthma and always got sick. I'm fortunate to come to the US, eat food. And I'm very blessed to be where I am right now."

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Zhi Peng Lin's goal.

Thoensaket then started the second half with his second goal only four minutes gone by in the final frame. Thoensaket completed the hat-trick with another goal in the 59th minute.

In the second half, MP United A defeated Tan Holdings FC, 5-2.

The match was in a deadlock at the break before MP United pulled away, drawing one goal each from Dae Won Jeon, Ho Jin Woo, and Moon Bin Hong in the second half. Dae Won's younger brother, Dae Min, also scored, giving MP United A one goal in the first half. Sung Su Jung made MP United A's other goal in the first half.

Tan Holdings managed to equalize in the first half after getting a pair of goals from Wo Lee Wai.

The 10 teams competing for the fall championship are divided into two groups. Pool A is composed of MP United A, Paire, Wild Bill's, Tan Holdings, and Shirley's FC, while Pool B has Inter Godfather's, Korean Football Association on Saipan, SKY FC, Matansa FC, and MP United B.

A round-robin format is in effect in each pool and only the Top 4 teams per group will advance to the single-elimination playoffs, which will start on Nov. 20. Elimination round games are set every Sunday and Thursday with three matches scheduled in the weekend. Only one game will be played on Thursdays.

This weekend's schedule will feature SKY FC going up against Inter Godfathers at 12pm, Paire versus Shirley's FC at 2pm, and Wild Bill's over Tan Holdings at 4pm.

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down Capital Hill and back to the starting line via Beach Road.

HOM registration on going

Meanwhile, organizers of the Hell of the Marianas are still on going and deadline is set for Nov. 25.

The race will have both the MTB and road bike categories. Participants are then allowed to enter in the solo open division and four age groups (16 to 25, 26 to 35, 36 to 45, 46 to 55, and over 56). For the team event, riders can compete in the two-person or four-person divisions. Organizers also added a new category, TEAM 200, which is for three to four riders with a combine age of 200 or more.

Bikers in the U14 age group will be allowed to enter the race, provided they can finish the 100-km event in six hours, had already completed the 50-km pre-Hell race within three hours, and will ride alongside a guardian or parent.

Registration for individual race is $35 for NMITF member and $40 for non. For the two-person, entry fees are $75 per squad for NMITF members and $80 for non. For the four-person relay, registrations fees are $140 for NMITF members and $160 for non.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the Top 3 finishers in the solo men's and women's races.

To register or for more information, contact PIC frontdesk at 237-5148.

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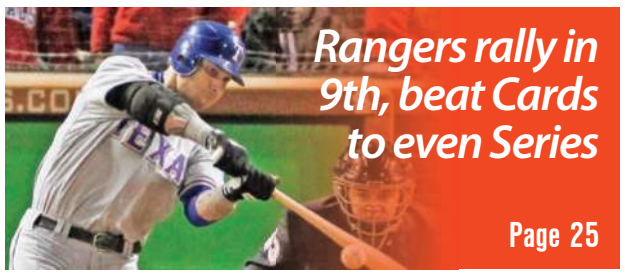
to Friday from 6pm to 9pm and Saturday and Sunday, starting at 4pm. Entrance fee is $50.00 per team. Each squad is allowed to have a maximum of five players and minimum of three

Cash prizes will depend on the number of teams. For four teams, the champion will receive $100, for six and eight, cash prizes will be $150 and $200, respectively. For 10 or more teams, the winner will pocket $250.

Meanwhile, Lee would like to thank NTT Docomo Pacific and Tan Siu Lin Foundation for supporting the competition.

"This year UBA is honored to once again have NTT Docomo Pacific as the main sponsor for the annual 3-on-3 tournament. Docomo was the main sponsor of the past two 3-on-3 tournaments and UBA is very grateful for their continued support to our organization. Aside from our main sponsor, Docomo Pacific, we would also like to recognize our other sponsor, Tan Siu Lin Foundation," Lee said.

To register or for more information, contact Lee at 483-0290 or email at unifiedbasketballassociation@gmail.com. Registration forms can be picked up at Safety 1st System in Gualo Rai or at the Garapan Community Center through Joe Diaz. Deadline for submission of entry forms and fees is set for Nov. 4. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***



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Mobil takes early lead in Shirley's caging

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Mobil gained the solo lead in the 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League after edging Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, 98-94, last Thursday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Mobil claimed its second win in as many games, while Fiesta dropped to a 0-2 record. Ron Gamboa made two free throws in the last 17.9 seconds and then had a defensive stop in the ensuing play to foil Fiesta's rally and preserve the win.

After falling behind by as much as 17 points in the third quarter, 60-43, Fiesta moved within three, 91-94 off Ariel Jinang's six straight points, 19.8 ticks to go in the match. Jinang converted a triple from the right corner and then completed a three-point play when he drilled an undergoal stab and drew a foul from Gamboa.

Mobil sued for time and when game resumed, Fiesta was forced to foul Gamboa to stop the clock. Gamboa canned the two important charities to give Mobil more breathing room, 96-91.

After hitting the clutch free throws, Gamboa went back on defense quickly and stole the ball away from Jinang, who tried to squeeze in to Mobil's defense at the right wing. Gamboa's steal

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Mobil's Ron Gamboa drives and draws a foul on Fiesta Resort and Spa's Jawn Joyner during the fourth quarter of their game in the Shirley's caging last Thursday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

87 survive pre-'Hell' race

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5TH ANNUAL HELL OF THE MARIANAS CENTURY CYCLE

Eighty-seven riders completed the pre-Hell of the Marianas race last Sunday with Lewie Tenorio finishing the 50-kilometer course first.

Tenorio timed in at 1:40:30.03, beating Butch Sublemente (1:40:30.72) in a down-to-the-wire finish at the Pacific Islands Club southern parking lot. Tenorio and Sublemente, who joined the same race last year and placed second and third, respectively, behind Guam's Jazy Garcia, competed in the men's road bike division. Rounding out the Top 3 in the road bike category was Aldrin Sta. Ana, who submitted 1:43:39.38.

Nap Dizon came in third overall at 1:42:12:00 and was the winner in the MTB category, beating Charlie Sendin (1:47:52.22) and Noel Altamirano (1:50:12.41).

In the women's division, Joann Salazar was the top finisher and reigned in the MTB division after clocking in at 2:18:49.15. Maricel Krud and Susan Marchitti completed the Top 3 after timing in at 2:21:19.38 and 2:28:57.41, respectively.

In the road bike category, Heather Kennedy posted 2:00:18.69 to prevail over Kimiko Hasegawa (2:23:06.59) and Angie Mister (2:23:50.81).

Last Sunday's event aimed at preparing local riders for the 2011 Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle Race set for Dec. 3. The race started and ended at the PIC parking lot in San Antonio with bikers heading to the northern side of the island up to the Radar Tower and turning back to go

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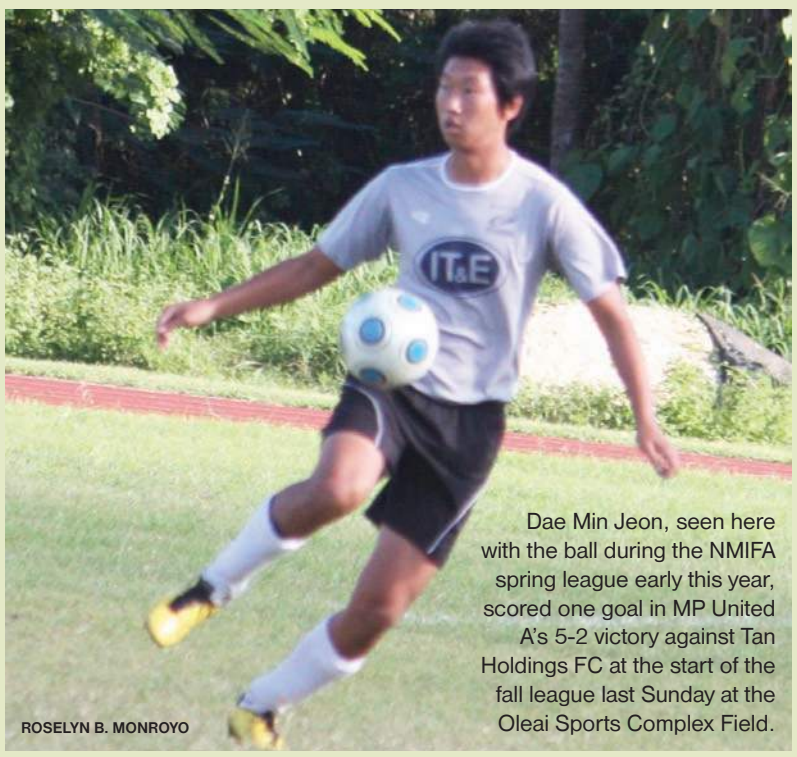
Aldrin Sta. Ana, seen here cruising along San Vicente during a local race late last month, finished in the Top 3 in the road bike division of the pre-Hell of Marianas race last Sunday.

Men's fall league draws 10 teams



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Dae Min Jeon, seen here with the ball during the NMIFA spring league early this year, scored one goal in MP United A's 5-2 victory against Tan Holdings FC at the start of the fall league last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association

The 2011 NMIFA Fall League kicked off last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field with 10 teams competing for this season's championship.

Three games were scheduled in the opener, but only two were played with Wild Bill's and MP United A winning their respective matches. MP United B was also awarded the win via forfeiture over SKY FC in the first tiff of the day.

Wild Bill's saw action in the last game of the opening day and downed Paire FC, 3-1.

Jeeraphong Thoensaket delivered all three goals for Wild Bill's, scoring the team's first goal in the 24th minute. Six minutes later, Paire tied the match off

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Docomo/UBA 3-on-3 tourney next month

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The United Basketball Association's 3-on-3 tournament is back for the third straight time and will kick off on Nov. 9.

Dubbed as the 3rd Annual Docomo Pacific/UBA 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, the competition will have three divisions and will be played at the JP Center Basketball Court in Garapan. UBA president James Lee said this year, they are opening the tournament to female players via the women's division contest. Lee added they will still have the open division and the boys U18.

"It will be a two-week tournament and will be done before Thanksgiving. It will have a double-elimination format, but we might extend it to three to four rounds depending on how many teams for each division will be competing," Lee said.

Games will be played from Monday

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Chris Paul, right, and Mel Manibusan battle for the loose ball during the inaugural UBA 3-on-3 tournament at the Garapan Basketball Court in 2009. Next month's 3-on-3 competition will be held at the JP Center Basketball Court.